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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
RESOLUTION 2003-14

WHEREAS, Bear Rinehart, a Seneca, SC resident and political science major, who will graduate from Furman University in May 2003; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at Furman he was a member of the Paladin Football Team; and

WHEREAS, during his career as a Paladin, Bear was the school's all time receiver with 126 catches for 1,834 yards and 11 touch down receptions; and

WHEREAS, during 2002 Bear caught seventy passes netting the Paladins 892 yards and three touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, during the 2002 football season Bear assisted the Paladins in an 8 - 3 record, an NCAA I-AA playoff appearance and a national ranking of number nine; and

WHEREAS, Bear averaged a school record of 12.8 yards on 28 punt career returns and made a 66 yard return for a 25 - 0 win over Tennessee in the 2002 season; and

WHEREAS, Bear also rushed for three touchdowns, including a 47 yard score on a reverse in a 37 - 10 win over The Citadel; and

WHEREAS, during the 2001 season, thanks, in part to Bear's five reception, 82 yard performance Furman ended Georgia Southern's NCAA record 19 game home winning streak; and

WHEREAS, Bear Rinehart is the fifth Furman player to win the Greenville Touchdown Club's Banks McFadden South Carolina Player of the Year Trophy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in Council duly assembled this date, the Official Records & Minutes of the Oconee County Council contain the following:

"THE OCONEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR & THE OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE BEAR RINEHART ON WINNING "THE BANKS MCFADDEN SOUTH CAROLINA PLAYER OF THE YEAR TROPHY".

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE OCONEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR AND OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL WISH BEAR THE BEST IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS."

APPROVED & ADOPTED on first and final reading this 15th day of April 2003.

Ann H. Hughes
Supervisor-Chair
Oconee County Council

Attest:

Opal O. Green, Clerk to Council

new business
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Oconee County Soil & Water Conservation District
301A West South Broad Street
Walhalla, South Carolina 29691
(864) 638-2213 Extension 101

COMMISSIONERS

- George C. Grobusky, Chairman
- Alexander P. "Rex" Ramsay, Vice-Chairman
- Dorothy Lee, Secretary-Treasurer
- Marvin L. Prater
- Lee S. Keese

March 18, 2003

Mrs. Ann H. Hughes
Supervisor-Chair
Oconee County Council
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Dear Mrs. Hughes:

The Foothills Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., working under the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service is comprised of a fifteen-member board, serving five counties, Oconee, Anderson, Pickens, Greenville and Spartanburg. There are three members that represent each county. Oconee County has two positions filled by a recommendation of the Oconee County Soil and Water Conservation District Board. Oconee County Council appoints the third member. The expiration of the Oconee County Council representative will occur in July, 2003.

The Oconee County S&WCD would like to recommend the appointment of Mrs. Susan Guynn to serve as the representative for the Oconee County Council. Mrs. Guynn has been attending the quarterly meetings of the Foothills RC&D Council, Inc. for over two years and is dedicated to their mission. She is employed by Clemson University and works in the Department of Pesticide Regulation.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your consideration of this appointment.

Yours truly,

George C. Grobusky
Chairman

CC: Oconee County Council Members: Steven R. Moore, Kenneth E. Johns, Jr.,
Bill Rinehart, Marion E. Lyles, H. Frank Ables, Jr.,
Dave Demarest, Foothills RC&D Council, Inc., 301 University Ridge, Suite 4900,
Greenville, SC 29601
Mrs. Susan Guynn, 1802 Sequoia Way, Seneca, SC 29672

CC: Council

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Ms. Marjane Dillard
415 S. Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

April 11, 2005

Re: Hwy 11 Commerce Center Phase II
Goldie & Associates Project 2235-5

Dear Ms. Dillard,

Enclosed please find a bid tabulation for the above referenced project. We have reviewed the low bid and it appears to be complete and balanced. M. B. White Contracting, Inc. is the apparent low bidder at \$307,530.00. (This amount does not include alternates)

We have reviewed the project with M. B. White and they appear to have the necessary men and equipment to complete the project within the required schedule. It also appears that they have successfully completed many jobs of similar size and magnitude.

Based upon the above information, it is our recommendation that Oconee County award the project to M. B. White Contracting.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist the County with this project. If we can be of any further assistance and provide you with further information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Goldie & Associates



Alan Pope, P.E.
Consulting Group Manager

Goldie & Associates, Inc. 2235-5 Anderson Ave., Anderson, SC 29625

MG White

McMillan Carpet

Cherry Hood

Hahn Coat

Site Work No. Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
1. Mulch/soil	LS	1	\$29,644.80	\$29,644.80	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
2. Grading and leveling	AC	18.3	\$1,400.00	\$25,720.00	\$1,400.00	\$25,720.00	\$1,870.00	\$34,210.00	\$1,900.00	\$34,770.00
3. Grading (approx. 150,000 CY earth, includes labor on ponds)	LS	1	\$94,570.00	\$94,570.00	\$148,802.00	\$148,802.00	\$0.97	\$928,700.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
4. Final 1/4" (1/4" rakes, laser level, etc.)	LS	1	\$3,675.00	\$3,675.00	\$4,600.00	\$4,600.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,890.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
5. Final 1/4" (1/4" rakes, laser level, etc.)	LS	1	\$7,425.00	\$7,425.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$8,710.00	\$8,710.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
6. Sediment & Erosion Control Measures	LS	1	\$29,950.00	\$29,950.00	\$29,950.00	\$29,950.00	\$20,775.00	\$20,775.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
7. Sediment Trap	LS	1	\$1,830.00	\$1,830.00	\$1,830.00	\$1,830.00	\$4,710.00	\$4,710.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
8. Catch Basins	EX	7	\$1,480.00	\$10,360.00	\$1,650.00	\$11,550.00	\$7,248.00	\$50,688.00	\$1,900.00	\$13,300.00
9. 18" Dia RCP Storm drain	LF	100	\$16.00	\$1,600.00	\$17.00	\$1,700.00	\$22.00	\$2,200.00	\$22.00	\$2,200.00
10. 18" Dia RCP Storm drain	LF	405	\$20.00	\$8,100.00	\$17.00	\$6,885.00	\$13.75	\$5,560.00	\$19.00	\$7,695.00
11. 24" Dia RCP Storm drain	LF	287	\$20.00	\$5,740.00	\$22.00	\$6,314.00	\$30.00	\$8,610.00	\$27.00	\$7,749.00
12. 36" Dia RCP Storm drain	LF	267	\$36.00	\$9,612.00	\$39.00	\$10,503.00	\$30.25	\$8,071.25	\$43.00	\$11,521.00
13. Plug existing storm drain	LS	1	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
14. Strip and Stockpile Topsoil	LS	1	\$1,630.00	\$1,630.00	\$2,107.00	\$2,107.00	\$24,387.00	\$24,387.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
15. Soil/Terrace/Trip Driveway	LS	1	\$18,190.90	\$18,190.90	\$27,974.00	\$27,974.00	\$18,918.90	\$18,918.90	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
16. Vegetation Check/Discard Swales	LT	6,100	\$5.00	\$30,500.00	\$7.00	\$42,700.00	\$4.36	\$26,380.00	\$4.50	\$27,450.00
15. Grading and Seeding	AC	32.0	\$1,100.00	\$35,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$38,400.00	\$1,260.00	\$40,320.00	\$1,750.00	\$56,000.00
16. Grass Seed	CY	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
17. Turf Sod Excavation	CY	1	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
18. Remove Unusable Material	CY	0	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Final Price and Compact/Signable Fill Material	CY	0	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Site Work Cost				\$307,550.00	\$340,270.00	\$374,657.00	\$309,981.00			
Alternates										
1. Asphalt Turf Lane and Tree/Signage	LS	1	\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$26,765.00	\$26,765.00	\$20,500.00	\$20,500.00
Total Award				\$334,050.00						

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Attended Bid Opening: Madamie Dillard, Greg Brock, Ann Albertson, Don Stroud, Danny Hutchinson, Joe Rochester, Justin Merrill

Site Work	Advice	Hubb-N-Sun	Zorn			
No. Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
1. Mobilizer	LS	1	\$28,867.97	\$28,867.97	\$12,076.00	\$72,300.00
2. Cleaning and Grubbing	AC	18.3	\$1,464.80	\$26,805.84	\$2,890.00	\$54,040.00
3. Grading (excav. 120,000 CY entire. Includes detention ponds)	LS	1	\$188,136.18	\$188,136.18	\$210,000.00	\$210,000.00
4. Pond 1 (piping, valves, best cover, etc.)	LS	1	\$0,001.24	\$0.00	\$17,250.00	\$17,250.00
5. Pond 2 (Raise pond height, replace steel structure)	LS	1	\$11,623.92	\$11,623.92	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
6. Seeliment & Erosion Control Measures	LS	1	\$13,987.56	\$13,987.56	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
7. Swallow Tree	LS	1	\$1,430.15	\$1,430.15	\$0,000.00	\$0,000.00
8. Catch Basins	EA	7	\$2,187.97	\$15,315.79	\$1,200.00	\$8,400.00
9. 18" Dia. RCP Stormdrain	LF	108	\$23.30	\$2,516.40	\$20.00	\$2,160.00
10. 18" Dia. C/P Stormdrain	LF	305	\$25.76	\$7,856.80	\$20.00	\$6,100.00
11. 24" Dia. C/P Stormdrain	LF	267	\$31.98	\$8,518.26	\$26.00	\$7,462.00
12. 36" Dia. C/P Stormdrain	LF	267	\$50.65	\$13,523.55	\$34.00	\$14,290.00
13. Plug Existing Stormdrain	LS	1	\$730.29	\$730.29	\$250.00	\$250.00
14. Strip and Stockpile Topsoil	LS	1	\$8,681.58	\$8,681.58	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
15. Spread Topsoil/Flu. Grubbing	LS	1	\$52,732.34	\$52,732.34	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
16. Vegetative Diets/Divers on Swales	LF	5,100	\$2.16	\$11,016.00	\$1.25	\$6,375.00
17. Graveling and Steepling	AC	32.0	\$1,170.40	\$37,452.80	\$1,050.00	\$33,600.00
18. Mass Rock Excavation	CY	0	\$15,500	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
19. Trench Rock Excavation	CY	0	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
20. Remove Unusable Material	CY	0	\$3.50	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00
21. Haul, Place, and Compact Suitable Fill Material	CY	0	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$0.00
Total Site Work Costs:				\$190,551.44	\$467,375.00	\$520,477.00
Alternate						
1. Asphalt Turn Lane and Riser Piping	LS	1	\$40,800.00	\$40,800.00	\$28,450.00	\$28,450.00
					\$20,425.00	\$20,425.00

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Attended Bid Opening: Marianne Dillard, Greg Brock, Ann Albertson, Dan Struul, Darilyn Hutchinson, Joe Rochester, Jason Merrell

Site Work No. Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	M.B. White		McWilliams Carter		Clegg Hood		Hahn Const	
					Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price		
1. Mobilization	LS	1	\$28,544.80	\$28,544.80	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$24,630.00	\$24,630.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
2. Cleaning and Grubbing	AC	19.3	\$1,450.50	\$27,622.00	\$1,450.00	\$27,545.00	\$1,870.00	\$35,071.00	\$1,300.00	\$25,090.00	\$1,300.00	\$25,090.00
3. Grading (approx. 100,000 CY earth, includes retention ponds)	LS	1	\$84,970.00	\$84,970.00	\$148,502.00	\$148,502.00	\$0.97	\$128,308.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
4. Pond 1 (pump, culvert, trash cover, etc.)	LS	1	\$3,675.00	\$3,675.00	\$4,600.00	\$4,600.00	\$10,880.00	\$10,880.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5. Pond 2 (pump pond height, riprap, minor structure)	LS	1	\$7,425.00	\$7,425.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$8,700.00	\$8,700.00	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
6. Segment A, Erosion Control Measures	LS	1	\$28,950.00	\$28,950.00	\$28,894.00	\$28,894.00	\$20,884.00	\$20,884.00	\$20,075.00	\$20,075.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
7. Segment Trap	LS	1	\$1,830.00	\$1,830.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
8. Catch Basins	EA	7	\$1,450.00	\$10,150.00	\$1,450.00	\$10,150.00	\$1,348.00	\$9,436.00	\$1,348.00	\$9,436.00	\$1,348.00	\$9,436.00
9. 18" Dia. Pipe Stormdrain	LF	108	\$68.00	\$7,328.00	\$17.50	\$1,890.00	\$28.50	\$3,078.00	\$2,130.00	\$2,130.00	\$22.80	\$2,361.60
10. 18" Dia. Pipe Stormdrain	LF	305	\$20.00	\$6,100.00	\$17.00	\$5,185.00	\$5.185.00	\$1,583.75	\$158.00	\$158.00	\$5,285.00	\$5,285.00
11. 24" Dia. Pipe Stormdrain	LF	287	\$28.00	\$8,036.00	\$22.00	\$6,314.00	\$20.00	\$5,740.00	\$22.00	\$6,314.00	\$22.00	\$6,314.00
12. 36" Dia. Pipe Stormdrain	LF	367	\$36.00	\$13,212.00	\$38.00	\$13,926.00	\$33.25	\$12,102.25	\$43.00	\$15,861.00	\$43.00	\$15,861.00
13. Flag Erosion Stormdrain	LS	1	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
14. Sign and Storage Truss	LS	1	\$1,635.00	\$1,635.00	\$21,137.00	\$21,137.00	\$24,387.00	\$24,387.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
15. Square Topsoil/Tree Grading	LS	1	\$10,190.90	\$10,190.90	\$27,976.00	\$27,976.00	\$16,818.00	\$16,818.00	\$16,916.00	\$16,916.00	\$16,916.00	\$16,916.00
16. Vegetable Method-Division Studies	LF	1,100	\$6.00	\$6,600.00	\$2.90	\$3,190.00	\$4.38	\$4,788.00	\$22,238.00	\$22,238.00	\$4.50	\$4,950.00
15. Grassing and Seeding	AC	32.0	\$1,100.00	\$35,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$38,400.00	\$7,380.00	\$23,200.00	\$1,750.00	\$56,000.00	\$1,750.00	\$56,000.00
16. Mass Rock Excavation	CY	E	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
17. Trench Rock Removal	CY	E	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$0.00
18. Remove Unsuitable Material	CY	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Haul, Place, and Compact Suitable Material	CY	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.50	\$0.00	\$2.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.30	\$0.00
Total Site Work Costs:				\$307,560.00	\$346,228.00	\$374,581.00	\$380,261.00					
Alternates												
1. Asphalt Turf Curbstone Resurfacing	LS	1	\$98,300.00	\$98,300.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
Total Award				\$359,850.00								

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Attended Bid Opening: Margaret Dillard, Greg Brock, Ann Anderson, Don Stroup, Darryl Hulsebrison, Joe Rochester, Jason Merrell

Site Work No. Item	Unit	Quantity	Avicore		Hubb-A-Son		Zorn	
			Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
1. Mobilization:	LS	1	\$28,081.97	\$28,081.97	\$12,030.00	\$12,030.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00
2. Clearing and grubbing	AC	14.3	\$1,464.80	\$20,751.64	\$2,800.00	\$39,940.00	\$1,510.00	\$21,443.00
3. Grading (Specify 100,000 CY cut/fill, include detention ponds)	LS	1	\$199,135.16	\$199,135.16	\$210,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$259,474.00	\$259,474.00
4. Paved 1" (1) pipe, culvert, catch cover, etc.	LS	1	\$8,601.34	\$8,601.34	\$17,250.00	\$17,250.00	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00
5. Paved 2" (1) pipe, joint, height, depths (see schedule)	LS	1	\$11,623.82	\$11,623.82	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$6,450.00	\$6,450.00
6. Sediment & Erosion Control Measures	LS	1	\$15,067.66	\$15,067.66	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$34,084.00	\$34,084.00
7. Sediment Trap	LS	1	\$1,439.15	\$1,439.15	\$6,300.00	\$6,300.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
8. Catch Basins	EA	7	\$2,181.97	\$15,273.79	\$1,200.00	\$8,400.00	\$2,200.00	\$15,400.00
9. 18" Dia. RCP Storms	LF	118	\$23.30	\$2,749.40	\$20.00	\$2,360.00	\$20.00	\$2,360.00
10. 18" Dia. CIP Storms	LF	205	\$25.78	\$5,284.90	\$20.00	\$4,100.00	\$26.00	\$5,330.00
11. 24" Dia. CIP Storms	LF	267	\$31.58	\$8,421.66	\$26.00	\$6,942.00	\$28.00	\$7,452.00
12. 36" Dia. CIP Storms	LF	287	\$60.85	\$17,263.95	\$34.00	\$9,738.00	\$40.00	\$11,480.00
13. Plug existing storm/s	LS	1	\$730.70	\$730.70	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
14. Strip and Stockpile Topsoil	LS	1	\$8,981.58	\$8,981.58	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
15. Soilw/ Topsoilme (Soilng)	LS	1	\$80,732.34	\$80,732.34	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$37,713.00	\$37,713.00
16. Vegetative Disposal/Replanting	LS	1	\$2.14	\$2.14	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.90	\$1.90
15. Grading and Steepling	AC	32.0	\$1,570.40	\$50,252.80	\$1,650.00	\$53,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$44,800.00
16. Move Rock Excavation	CY	0	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
17. Trench Rock Excavation	CY	0	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
18. Remove Unusable Material	CY	0	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00
19. Haul, Place, and Compact Suitable Fill Material	CY	0	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$0.00	\$8.00	\$0.00
Total Site Work Costs:				\$430,451.44	\$767,375.00	\$59,433.00	\$20,433.00	
1. Asphalt Turn Lane and Restriping	LS	1	\$40,800.00	\$40,800.00	\$26,450.00	\$26,450.00	\$29,433.00	\$29,433.00

* Quantities provided are estimates only. The Bidder must satisfy themselves with the accuracy of the estimated quantities listed in the bid by examination of the site and a review of the drawings and specifications, including addenda. After bids have been submitted, the Bidder shall not assert that there was a misunderstanding concerning the quantities of WCRK or the nature of WCRK to be done.

SURPLUS FOR AUCTION

AUCTION DATE: MAY 17, 2003 (Tentative)

ITEM #	ITEM DESCRIPTION	SERIAL #	COUNTY #	PRESENT LOCATION	ORIGINATING DEPT #
	Alert Box Motorola (14)			Motor Pool	102
	Anchor Boal (2)			Airport	
	Answer Machine			Rural Fire	102
	Battery Charger 12 volt			Motor Pool	102
	Board Cork		2474	Camp	403
	Board Grease White		2382	Camp	403
	Bookcase Metal Black		2381	Camp	403
	Boots Long Rubber (3 pair)			Rural Fire	102
	Boots Short Rubber (5 pair)			Rural Fire	102
	Cabinet Wooden			Camp	707
	Calculator			Camp	403
	Cash Register Electric		7034	Airport	720
	Chair		3326	Library	206
	Chair		3321	Library	206
	Chair		131	Library	206
	Chair		130	Library	206
	Chair Blue Fabric		2323	Camp	403
	Chair Metal Green			Camp	403
	Chair Secretary		242	Camp	301
	Chair Secretary Beige			Camp	403
	Chair Secretary Black			Camp	403
	Chair Secretary Blue			Camp	403
	Chair Secretary Blue			Sheriff	101
	Chair Secretary Green		2355	Camp	403
	Chair Secretary Green		2356	Camp	403
	Chair Secretary Green			Camp	403
	Chair Secretary Green			Camp	403
	Chargers Minitor (16)			Motor Pool	102
	Clock Wall			Procurement	713
	Copier	Mita 2155	7082	Library	206
	Desk Black			Sheriff	101
	Desk Metal		2357	Camp	403
	Desk Metal		3015	Camp	403
	Desk Metal	light tan		Camp	403
	Desk Metal	Royal	State # 21665	Camp	403
	Desk Metal			Camp	403
	Desk Metal			Camp	403
	Desk Metal			Motor Pool	403
	Desk Metal			Motor Pool	403
	Desk Metal Beige			Motor Pool	403
	Desk Metal Black			Motor Pool	403
	Desk Metal Black			Motor Pool	403
	Desk Metal Tan		157	Camp	301
	Desk Metal Tan		158	Camp	301
	Desk Metal Tan		18,401.1	Camp	301

Desk with wheels			Motor Pool	403
Desk Wood with arm			Motor Pool	403
Desk Metal Gray			Motor Pool	403
Drums 55 gal. (13)			Motor Pool	721
Electrical Wire			Motor Pool	721
Engine Briggs 12hp			Motor Pool	721
Engine Chevy 350			Motor Pool	721
Fax Canon	MOM 37485		Camp	707
Fax Canon (roll paper)			Procurement	713
File Box Brown Plastic			Motor Pool	403
File Cabinet		18,406.23	Camp	301
File Cabinet		18,406.22	Camp	301
File Cabinet		147	Camp	301
File Cabinet		2461	Camp	301
File Cabinet 2-Drawer		3027	Motor Pool	403
File Cabinet 4-Drawer			Motor Pool	403
Fuel Hose 50' x 2" (200psi)			Airport	720
Gumey		2472	Motor Pool	403
Helmet Yellow Fire			Rural Fire	102
Hole Punch electric			Procurement	708
Hutch Computer Wood		2337	Motor Pool	403
Hutch Computer Wood		2491	Motor Pool	403
Hutch Computer Wood		00153	Motor Pool	403
Lamps Table (2)			Camp	707
Lights (2) Medical Exam			Motor Pool	403
Lights Chrome Red (6)			Motor Pool	102
Lights Rotator 12 Volt			Motor Pool	102
Pager Minitor Motorola (17)			Motor Pool	102
Parts Washer Nesco 20 gal.			Motor Pool	721
Printer Laser IBM	4019-E01		Sheriff	101
Printers Desk Jet			Airport	720
Projector Video			Airport	720
Projector, Movie	Graffier	953	Camp	707
Projector, Slide	Dukane	954	Camp	707
Push Guard			Motor Pool	721
Radio Two-Way GE	5070144	2989	Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	5070182	2972	Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	3233699	2974	Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	4390549		Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	4035763	3834	Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	53B5348		Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	2195900	2983	Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	4152313	2905	Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	3342792		Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	5070148	2911	Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	5070151	2948	Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	4270355	7351	Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	3421314		Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	1524470		Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	1524437		Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	4390540	7357	Motor Pool	101

Radio Two-Way GE	9342772	2548	Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	4250256		Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	5070157		Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way GE	4051588		Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way Johnson			Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way Motorola	433HLQD17C	4944	Motor Pool	101
Radio Two-Way Motorola	471BBA1000AA		Motor Pool	101
Radio GE Master II	383216	2543	Motor Pool	721
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476AMJ0731	756	Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476AMJ0729	782	Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476AMJ0726		Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ANA0285	1804	Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ANA0291		Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ALC1729		Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ANA0286		Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ANA0284		Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ANA0288	1771	Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ALC1731	423	Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476AMJ0727	785	Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476AMJ0724	750	Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ANA0290		Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ALC1732	424	Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ANY0471	4535	Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476AMJ0730	788	Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ANY0472	4534	Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476AMJ0728		Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ALC1730	421	Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ANY0468		Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ALC1727		Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	476ALC1728		Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	402AKA0305	288	Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	402AKA0303	288	Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	402AKA0298		Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	402AKS0308		Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	402AKA0297		Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	402AKA0302		Rural Fire	102
Radio Two-Way Motorola	402AKG0989	5891	Rural Fire	102
Record Player Portable			Motor Pool	403
Refrigerator	Frigidare		Camp	707
Scale Weight			Motor Pool	403
Siren Speaker (3)			Motor Pool	102
Siren w/Light			Motor Pool	102
Sirens Wind Up (2)			Motor Pool	102
Stand Printer			Camp	301
Stand Printer			Camp	301
Stand Printer Wood		State # 5855	Motor Pool	403
Stand Printer Wood			Motor Pool	403
Stand Typewriter		STBD # 291	Motor Pool	403
Stand Typewriter			Motor Pool	403
Steam Table (food)	4784222	90757	Motor Pool	106
Table (Book) Budge			Motor Pool	403

**A Recreation Master Plan
for Oconee County, SC**

Executive Summary

**Oconee County
415 South Pine Street, Room 10
Walhalla, SC 29691**

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Oconee County Recreation Master Plan

Mission Statement

The Oconee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism seeks to enhance the quality of life of all citizens of the county now and in future years by strategically planning and providing for the recreational and tourism-related needs identified by appropriate officials and county residents.

Introduction

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the population of Oconee County has reached 66,215. Corresponding, the demand on recreational and leisure-related facilities and services is exceeding current capacity. County officials have initiated several steps to address the current and future recreational needs of residents and visitors. Among the efforts, the Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department sought consulting services to assist in preparing a comprehensive plan of action to address the recreational needs of the county until the year 2020. The County has taken initial steps to address its long-term recreation and tourism planning needs through recent efforts to reorganize its parks and recreation department, including the hiring of an assistant director of parks and recreation and other staff. A permanent director is expected to be named in the coming months.

Scope of Services

To accomplish each task listed above, the following activities were carried out:

1. through consultation with Oconee County officials and other relevant parties involved in recreation management in the county, develop a vision statement, goals and objectives for the long-range recreation master plan;
2. through the use of existing maps of the County, previous studies and reports, and input from various groups and individuals, conduct an inventory and assessment of existing and proposed recreational sites and facilities;
3. through a survey of residents and a public forum in each county council district, determine the recreation needs of various communities and user groups in the County;
4. through consultation with Oconee County officials and other relevant parties, create a schedule for developing sites and facilities to meet the long-term recreation needs of residents and visitors of the County and outline strategies to mobilize resources to complete each site, recommend a maintenance program for each site, and present a methodology to evaluate the effectiveness of the plan during its implementation, and,

5. prepare concept drawings depicting the design or layout of proposed sites and facilities as determined in the plan.
6. Prepare a draft document for comment and review by Oconee County officials.
7. Delivery of at least 25 printed copies of the approved and finalized recreation master plan.

The Plan Making Process

After notification by Oconee County to create the recreation master plan, the contractor initiated a preliminary inventory and assessment of existing public recreational site and facilities in Oconee County. In conducting this inventory and assessment, the contractor interviewed appropriate municipal, county, state and federal officials regarding the availability of recreation facilities, programs and activities in Oconee County and the present recreation needs of residents and visitors of the County. In particular, an open-end questionnaire was forwarded to the six directors of recreational programs that are funded by a local government. (Oconee County provides funding to four municipalities – Salent, Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster – and the Fair-Oak Recreation District in the Fairplay/Oakway community. While some Oconee County residents participate in the recreation programs offered by the unincorporated community of Townville, Anderson County provides funding for its operation.)

Following this initial information gathering stage, the contractor developed strategies to communicate the efforts of the County to create a recreation master plan (including releasing approved public notices to local media for publication and broadcast). Residents and visitors of the County were made aware of this project to gain their support and participation in providing input about the County's recreational needs. Next, the contractor distributed a survey questionnaire with a cover letter to a predetermined sample of county residents. The sample size was the anticipated response rate and the number of completed surveys needed for the analysis.

The contractor held five public forums shortly before the survey questionnaire was disseminated. These forums were held over a period of three weeks, after determining the appropriate dates and sites to conduct them.

Finally, the preparation of the draft document began after all the data generated from the interviews, forums and surveys was analyzed.

Oconee County

Description

The county is in the extreme northwestern part of the state of South Carolina (Figure 1). Anderson County is along its southeastern border and Pickens County is along its eastern border. On the north, it is bordered by two counties in North Carolina, and on the northwest and southwest, by five counties in Georgia. The Seneca, Keowee, and Toxaway Rivers form most of its eastern boundary; the Chattooga River, its northwestern boundary; and the Tugaloo River, its southwestern boundary. The total area of the county is 670 square miles.

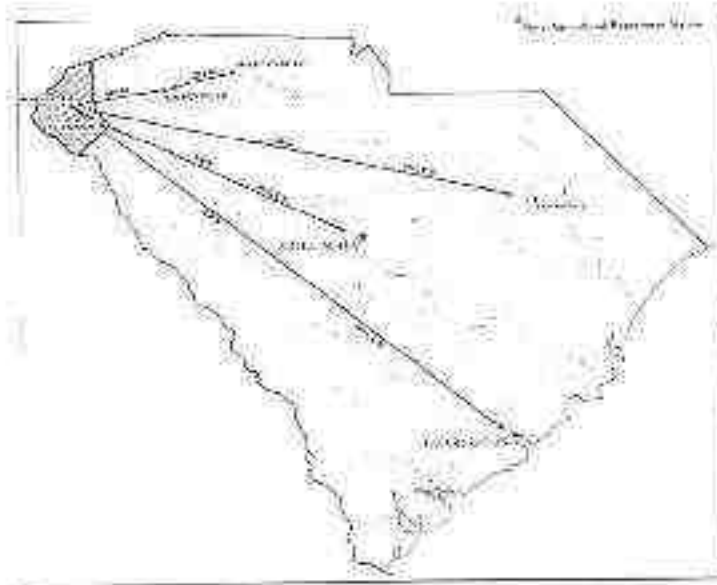


Figure 1. Location of Oconee County in South Carolina.
Source: United States, 1963.

Population

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the population of Oconee County has reached 66,215. This figure reflects a trend of continued growth established decades earlier, when a long period of relatively static population levels suddenly ended. This change is shown in Table 1, which illustrates population growth in Oconee County over the last half century. Oconee County is adding approximately 1000 residents each year, and estimates from the South Carolina Statistical Abstract indicate that by the year 2015, over 81,000 will reside in the county.

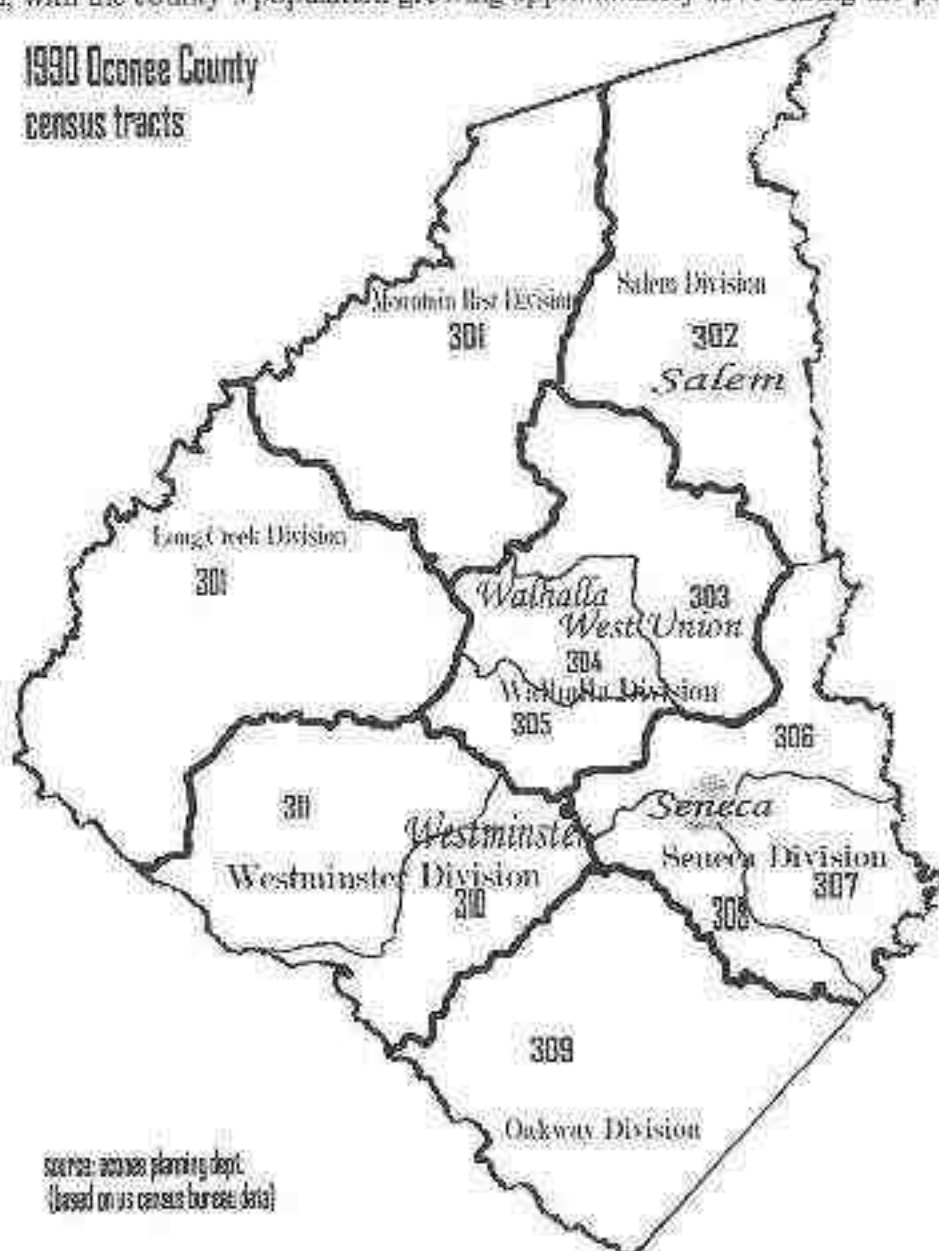
Table 1.

Oconee County Population 1950-2000					
1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
39,050	40,204	40,728	48,611	57,494	66,215

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

During the half century covered by Table 1, Oconee's population grew by approximately 70%. A close inspection of the data indicates, however, that between 1950 and 1970 the population increased by only 4.1%. It was only after 1970 that dramatic changes occurred, with the county's population growing approximately 63% during the period.

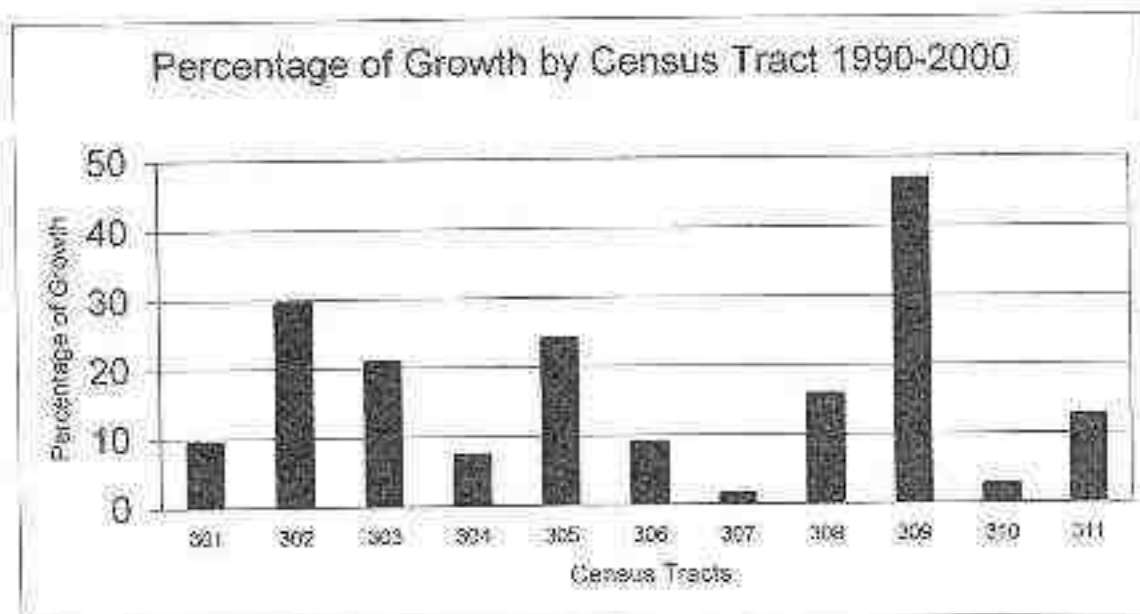
**1990 Oconee County
census tracts**



source: oconee planning dept.
(based on us census bureau data)

Figure 1.

Figure 2 indicates the census tracts of the county that experienced the strongest growth between 1990 and 2000. Tract 309 (Oakway Division), traditionally one of the county's prime agricultural areas, experienced the most intense growth. Next, Tract 302 (Salem Division), which lies in the northeastern part of the county along Lake Keowee, grew by almost 30%. Lastly, Tracts 303 and 305, both near the towns of Seneca and Walhalla, experienced significant growth also, with increases exceeding 20%.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Figure 2, illustrates the percentage of growth experienced by the areas within each census tract between 1990 and 2000.

Projected Growth

Table 2 shows the projected growth (based on the rates experienced between 1990 and 2000) of each Oconee County census tract through 2020. (It must be stressed that this table was constructed by the Oconee County Planning Department for illustrative purposes only, and in no way suggests that the actual growth in Oconee County will be limited to the rate shown.)

Extending the projected growth at a continued 15.2% rate places Oconee's population in excess of 100,000 by the year 2030. While it concurs with the theory that Oconee will continue to see strong growth over the next two decades, the South Carolina State Data Center projects Oconee's rate of growth to slow slightly to increases of 13.3% between 2000 and 2010, and 12% between 2010 and 2020. If such estimates prove to be accurate, Oconee's population would likely not reach 100,000 until around 2040.

Table 2.

Population Projections Based on Rates Experienced Between 1990 and 2000						
Census Tract	2000 Population	Growth Rate (%) 1990-2000	*Projected 2005 Population	*Projected 2010 Population	*Projected 2015 Population	*Projected 2020 Population
301	4,046	9.6	4,240	4,434	4,647	4,866
302	8,498	29.5	6,389	7,120	8,170	9,220
303	5,005	21.0	5,531	6,056	6,692	7,328
304	7,892	7.4	8,184	8,476	8,790	9,103
305	4,101	24.0	4,593	5,085	5,695	6,305
306	7,088	9.0	7,407	7,726	8,074	8,421
307	8,454	1.6	8,522	8,589	8,658	8,726
308	4,395	15.9	6,903	7,412	8,001	8,591
309	8,602	46.8	10,615	12,628	15,583	18,538
310	5,354	3.7	5,426	5,499	5,571	5,647
311	3,780	12.6	4,018	4,256	4,534	4,792
County Total	66,215	15.2	71,748	77,281	84,497	91,531

* Projections based on continued growth rate experienced between 1990 and 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Oconee County Planning Department

Table 2. shows the projected growth of each Oconee County census tract through 2020.

Age

The median age of Oconee's population (the age at which half of the population is older and half is younger) is increasing. This is consistent with a nationwide trend that is at least in part driven by the impact of the aging of the "baby boomers," those born between 1946 and 1964. In fact, the 2000 Census revealed that the median age of the United States has increased, rising 2.4 years between 1990 and 2000 to reach 35.3 years. While the State of South Carolina has a median age of 35.4 years, the median age of Oconee's population exceeds, as it rose from 35.6 years in 1990 to 39.5 years in 2000, a total increase of 3.9 years during the decade. The U.S. Census Bureau expects the median age to continue to increase throughout the nation, including Oconee County, through the year 2015. (U.S. Census Bureau; South Carolina State Data Center)

Senior Citizens. The number of "senior citizens" residing in Oconee County has dramatically increased during the last several decades. In fact, the number of Oconee residents over 65 years of age increased over 250% between 1950 and 1990. By the time of the 2000 Census, the total number of persons 65 years and older in Oconee County was 10,311, or 15.6% of the population. In the neighboring counties of Anderson,

Greenville, and Pickens, those 65 years and older represent 13.7%, 11.7%, and 11.4% respectively. Statewide, the same age group represents only 12.1%. This shift toward an older population becomes even more obvious when looking at the number of Oconee residents over 85 years of age. In 1950, there were only 77 individuals more than 85 years old recorded on the census rolls. By 2000, this number had grown to 849. The table reveals that only 22.5% (2,319 out of 10,311) of those individuals 65 years and older living in Oconee reside in a municipality.

Analysis

Future issues requiring local government attention will include matters not even considered an Oconee County problem a few years ago. As Oconee's population gets older, for example, issues affecting the elderly will have to be dealt with by the local governments, for not every need will be met by state and federal actions. In addition, the increasing number of foreign-born individuals living in Oconee, both aliens and citizens, will raise the possibility of cultural and ideological friction. As with the issues facing the elderly, the state and federal governments will most likely take the lead, but local governments will have to work to fill in the missing pieces required to alleviate the problem.

Addressing Demographic Issues Related to Recreation and Tourism

1. Encourage and assist orderly population growth in a manner that protects and enhances Oconee County's natural resources, cultural resources, and prime farmlands.
2. Insure that all governmental actions be considerate of all racial, religious, and cultural groups that comprise Oconee County's population.
3. Assist all appropriate local, state, and federal efforts directed at enhancing the quality of education in Oconee County.
4. Work to address the age-related problems that may arise among Oconee County's aging population, particularly focusing on issues not adequately dealt with by state and federal efforts.
5. Continue to actively promote the recruitment of employment opportunities that provide the best lifestyle for all Oconee residents.

The Recreation and Tourism Industry

Across the nation, recreation and tourism -- particularly involving water-related areas and activities -- supported jobs for more than 6.8 million people and generated annual sales of more than \$450 billion in 1996. Data collected on South Carolina for the same year indicates that the state hosted 32 million visitors having expenditures totaling \$6.1 billion. The total economic impact of the tourism industry (generated by visitor expenditures and business investments) was over \$13.1 billion in direct and indirect output. Further, the recreation and tourism sector generated \$4.1 billion in wages for South Carolinians employed in related jobs. Finally, \$469 million in local and state tax revenues were generated by tourism in 1996.

Specific data on the effect of recreation and tourism on the local economy is sporadic or unavailable. Information from SCPRT indicated that in 1996 the Discover Upcountry district, which includes Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg Counties, was visited by 5.3 million tourists, with many coming from neighboring North Carolina and Georgia. The total economic impact (direct and indirect) of the Discover Upcountry tourism industry in 1996 was \$2.1 billion, with state and local governments collecting over \$68 million in tax revenues generated by the industry. New capital investments in the region for 1996 totaled \$277 million, 34% of the statewide \$804 million, on 99 tourism-related facilities. (The total for specific counties was unavailable.)

Data available for 1998 indicates that the economic impact of tourism in the Discover Upcountry region rose to \$2.3 billion during the year (16% of statewide total). Tax revenues dropped to \$66.7 million; capital investments totaled only \$124 million; and travel expenditures reached \$1.06 billion. Over 19,000 people were employed in the tourism-related jobs for the year.

In the Pendleton District (Anderson, Oconee and Pickens), the total economic impact of tourism reached \$400 million in 1998, with \$14.7 million in tax revenues generated by industry. Travel expenditures in the three counties totaled \$171 million, and capital investments reached \$36.4 million. Approximately 2,805 people were employed in tourism related jobs for the year.

In Oconee County, travel expenditures rose from \$31.4 million in 1997 to \$33.8 million (+ 7.6%). State and local taxes generated by the industry increased also from \$3.1 million to \$3.3 million (+ 6.45%). Further, capital investments for the county totaled \$500,000 for 1998 (no data available for 1997), and 450 individuals were employed in tourism related jobs, up from 425 reported in 1997. In 2001, travel-related expenditures in Oconee County reached \$34.22 million. Approximately 430 people were employed in jobs related to the tourism industry, generating payrolls totaling \$6.37 million. State tax receipts reached \$2.17 million, while local tax receipts were \$1.41 million. The table below shows where Oconee County ranks in comparison to the other counties in South Carolina regarding the impact of domestic travel.

**Table 3. 2001 Domestic Travel Impact on South Carolina
Ranking of Counties by Expenditure Levels, 2001**

County	Expenditures (\$ Millions)	Payroll (\$ Millions)	Employment (Thousands)	State Tax Receipts (\$ Millions)	Local Tax Receipts (\$ Millions)
HORRY	\$2,014.06	\$466.43	33.85	\$121.83	\$73.88
CHARLESTON	1,074.73	269.22	18.85	62.83	22.03
BEAUFORT	710.35	169.98	12.35	42.82	10.94
GREENVILLE	694.77	246.12	12.01	32.51	8.49
LEXINGTON	344.68	131.77	5.76	14.10	6.12
RICHLAND	308.79	65.02	4.96	18.98	2.37
SPARTANBURG	230.69	66.26	3.40	11.85	2.58
GEORGETOWN	193.98	42.30	3.06	11.94	5.83
FLORENCE	167.30	44.75	2.67	9.32	2.80
YORK	107.07	22.14	1.63	6.77	0.91
ANDERSON	94.87	16.30	1.21	6.00	1.78
ORANGEBURG	82.73	17.05	1.26	5.20	1.24
AIKEN	63.31	16.03	1.00	3.56	0.77
COLLETON	61.06	13.33	0.99	3.79	1.68
PICKENS	59.57	11.89	0.86	3.79	1.53
BERKELEY	52.85	10.34	0.76	3.35	1.66
SUMTER	51.86	10.36	0.74	3.32	0.89
DORCHESTER	38.80	7.93	0.53	2.51	0.40
JASPER	37.40	8.72	0.66	2.29	0.73
CLARENDON	35.54	6.38	0.43	2.24	2.26
GCONEE	34.22	6.37	0.43	2.17	1.41
KERSHAW	28.29	5.31	0.36	1.81	1.20
GREENWOOD	28.14	5.33	0.40	1.81	0.36
LAURENS	26.37	5.01	0.33	1.67	1.05
DILLON	23.40	5.01	0.38	1.47	0.44
DARLINGTON	21.70	3.84	0.27	1.43	0.40
CHEROKEE	20.78	4.31	0.31	1.32	0.42
LANCASTER	18.57	3.41	0.24	1.20	0.36
NEWBERRY	16.36	3.03	0.20	1.04	0.62
CHESTER	15.06	2.99	0.22	0.96	0.31
CHESTERFIELD	11.93	2.10	0.15	0.77	0.31
MARION	11.10	1.80	0.12	0.73	0.36
MARLBORO	9.20	1.69	0.11	0.58	0.42
FAIRFIELD	8.79	1.54	0.10	0.56	0.51
UNION	8.34	1.46	0.10	0.55	0.13
HAMPTON	7.99	1.53	0.11	0.51	0.14
EDGEFIELD	7.13	1.19	0.08	0.47	0.32
WILLIAMSBURG	6.62	0.89	0.06	0.45	0.23
MCCORMICK	6.08	1.36	0.11	0.37	0.17
BARNWELL	5.92	1.07	0.08	0.38	0.12
ABBEVILLE	5.41	0.91	0.06	0.34	0.39
BAMBERG	4.39	0.73	0.05	0.29	0.15
LEE	3.36	0.52	0.04	0.22	0.13
SALUDA	3.08	0.42	0.02	0.20	0.20
ALLENDALE	3.06	0.52	0.04	0.19	0.12
CALHOUN	2.11	0.31	0.02	0.13	0.12
TOTALS	\$6,762.01	\$1,795.37	111.40	\$390.45	\$159.36

Source: South Carolina State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2002

A Brief Overview of Recreation Resources in Oconee County

Introduction

In Oconee County, outdoor recreational opportunities abound through the abundant land and water resources available. Regarding its water resources, three major lakes are adjoined along its eastern border: Lake Jocassee, Lake Keowee (18,500 acres), and Lake Hartwell. Lake Hartwell wraps around the southern end of the county merging with the Tugaloo River flowing from the western edge of the county. The northern border is formed by the Chattooga River, a federally designated Wild and Scenic River since 1974. Additionally, the Chauga River provides a whitewater experience, and an effort to have it designated as a State Scenic River is underway.

Further, Oconee County is blessed with an abundance of managed recreational areas. Serving as a gateway to the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Sumter National Forest expands 80,000 acres across the northern portion of Oconee County and is managed by the U.S. Forest Service. There are several smaller lakes found throughout the Sumter National Forest, including Lake Becky, Lake Cheochee, Lake Cherokee, Lake Leroy, Browns Lake, Crystal Lake, Horseshoe Lake, and others. Numerous meandering creeks and majestic waterfalls are disbursed throughout the National Forest also. In particular, Whitewater Falls and Issaqueena Falls are noted natural attractions, providing magnificent views for visitors to the area. Altogether, the County has over 70 waterfalls. Finally, a state-operated fish hatchery is located within the national forest.

Two wilderness areas are found in the northern portion of Oconee County. The Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area was established by Congress in 1975, and the Jocassee Gorges Wilderness Area was created by the State of South Carolina in November 1997 through the purchase of 32,000-plus acres in Oconee and Pickens Counties from Crescent Resources, Inc. Furthermore, the Foothills Trail allows hiking enthusiasts to traverse the entire area as it links the national forest to the two wilderness areas. Motorists can easily enjoy the Oconee experience using the three interconnected scenic highways that cross the County – State Highway 24, the Savannah River Scenic Highway; State Highway 11, the Cherokee Foothills Scenic Highway; and State Highway 107, a national scenic highway.

The South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) manages four parks in the county. Devils Fork State Park borders Lake Jocassee and encompasses 644 acres. Lake Hartwell State Park encompasses 680 acres near the shores of Lake Hartwell. Oconee State Park has a total of 1365 acres within the Sumter National Forest, and historic Oconee Station State Park has a total 210 acres. No other county has four state-operated parks. Lastly, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources manages the Jocassee Gorges Wilderness Area found along Lake Jocassee in the northeast section of the County.

The county operates three county parks. High Falls County Park was the first facility developed by the County, opening in June 1972 on a 40-acre site along the shores of Lake Keowee off Highway 183 between Walhalla and the Keowee Key area. By 1974,

an additional 20 acres were added to the park site. South Cove County Park is located on Lake Keowee also, just outside the City of Seneca. Lastly, Chau Ram County Park -- originally a park developed by the Town of Westminster -- lies four miles west of the town on Highway 76 at the confluence of Chauga River and Ramsey Creek. Both South Cove and Chau Ram Parks opened in 1973. Each of the parks have campsites with electrical and water hookups, bathhouses, and picnicking facilities.

Chau Ram County Park sits on 75 acres located at the confluence of Ramsey Creek and the Chauga River. Chau Ram Park has 28 campsites, nature trails, and a children's play-ground. The park is described as "ideal for nature observation, picnicking, trout fishing, or river tubing. Ramsey Creek Falls (over 35 feet high and 100 feet wide) provide a beautiful background for outdoor events. Four major sets of rapids lie within park waters and offer easy access for kayakers, canoeists, and tubing. Additionally, a whitewater slalom course for kayaking is available and open to the public. In May 2002, the County received a \$152,000 grant from the Recreation Land Trust Fund of South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism to be used for the purchase of 122 acres adjacent to Chau Ram. The County must match the grant with local funds.

Oconee County does not provide or manage recreational facilities other than three county parks identified earlier. Much of the recreational opportunities available to residents and visitors in the County are provided by a variety of entities, including: three municipalities, three volunteer community organizations, the Oconee County School District, various churches, homeowner or neighborhood associations, private businesses, state parks and attendant facilities, the SC Department of Natural Resources, the Sumter National Forest, or the Army Corps of Engineers through lakeside boating and camping facilities. Oconee County does provide partial funding to the three municipal recreation departments in Seneca, Walhalla and Westminster, as well as two volunteer programs in the Fairplay and Salem communities.

Budgets for Oconee County PRT

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An examination of the cumulative total for the operating budget, actual expenditures and revenue generated by the parks indicates that growth has occurred at a moderate rate over the past 28 years, until the fiscal years 2001 -2002 and 2002 -2003 when the PRT

budget eclipsed \$1,000,000 both years. (See Table below.) For instance, the operating budget was \$90,000 for the 1978-79 fiscal year and \$108,523 for FY 1979-80. Revenue from the parks totaled \$65,000 in FY 1977-78 and dipped to \$39,000 in FY 78-79. By the 1992-93 fiscal year, the budget for operating the county parks totaled \$235,342, while the revenue generated was about \$105,000. The table below provides a look at the operating budget, actual expenditures and revenues generated.

A review of recent budget ordinances passed by Oconee County found that revenues generated by the three county parks totaled \$210,000 in fiscal year 2001-2002, with Chau Ram generating \$10,000; High Falls, 110,000; and South Cove, \$90,000. In fiscal year 2002-2003, no individual breakdown of the revenues generated by the parks was provided. Further review of the budget ordinances indicated that the PRT department was appropriated \$1.02 million in fiscal year 2001-2002, which represented 3.19 % of the total budget for the county. In fiscal year 2002-2003, the \$1.13 million appropriated for the County's PRT department was approximately 3.28% of the entire \$34.7 million budget. (See the table below for the funding received by the County's PRT department for fiscal years 1990-2003.)

Table 4. Actual Budget for Oconee County PRT, Fiscal Years 1990 - 2003

Year	Salaries	Fringe Benefits	General Expense	State Expense/ Match Grant	Total
1990-1991	\$ 97,440	\$ 15,814	\$ 66,760	\$ 40,364	\$ 220,378.00
1991-1992	\$107,097	\$ 17,276	\$ 57,019	\$ 41,350	\$ 222,742.00
1992-1993	\$117,597	\$ 18,452	\$117,296	\$ 4,250	\$ 257,595.00
1993-1994	\$121,746	\$ 19,327	\$105,952	\$ 4,250	\$ 251,275.00
1994-1995	\$150,200	\$ 23,467	\$148,425	\$11,750	\$ 333,842.00
1995-1996	\$233,935	\$ 41,962	\$186,896	\$14,500	\$ 477,293.00
1996-1997	\$248,153	\$ 45,852	\$237,466	\$14,800	\$ 546,271.00
1997-1998	\$266,655	\$ 54,462	\$176,160	\$20,300	\$ 517,577.00
1998-1999	\$274,011	\$ 55,134	\$206,210	\$27,800	\$ 563,155.00
1999-2000	\$272,684	\$ 54,198	\$243,840	\$18,300	\$ 589,022.00
2000-2001	\$298,608	\$ 48,598	\$246,977	\$18,035	\$ 612,218.00
2001-2002	\$368,449	\$ 74,463	\$564,615	\$14,800	\$1,022,327.00
2002-2003	\$369,212	\$ 68,611	\$677,077	\$24,299	\$1,139,199.00

Source: Oconee County

Activities

The 1999 Recreation Participation and Preference Study, a statewide resident telephone survey by the University of South Carolina, identified participation information for a number of trail-related activities. These are shown in Table 1. Walking for pleasure or exercise was the highest trail-related use with 83% of the state's residents participating. Subsequent research in 2001 asked state residents about priorities for trails

in the state (see Table 2). More than half the respondents favored walking trails, followed by hiking trails (15%) and bicycle trails (12%). Canoe/kayak trails, horse trails, ATV/motorcycle trails, and "other" trails were each a concern to 4% or less of the respondents.

**Table 5. Trails-Related Statewide Recreation Participation - 1999
SC Residents, Age 12 and Older**

Trail Use	Percentage Participation*	Average Number of Times Participated (Entire Sample)*
Walking for pleasure or exercise	82.8%	106.61
Bicycling	38.8%	19.50
Wildlife watching	36.5%	22.74
Bird watching	35.2%	63.27
Motorboating	33.0%	5.90
Visiting an unusual natural feature	28.5%	0.89
Jogging/Running	25.2%	19.95
Guided nature trail/study	24.5%	1.24
Off-highway vehicle riding	19.1%	3.13
Hiking	18.9%	6.97
Skateboarding/in-line skating	13.1%	1.55
Jetskiing	11.1%	1.00
Camping-primitive sites	10.9%	na
Canoeing/kayaking/rafting	8.1%	0.42
Horseback riding	8.0%	0.94

*Source: South Carolina Recreation Participation & Preference Study, 1999 Technical Report, prepared for the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism by the University of South Carolina Institute of Public Affairs, 1999.

Proposed Acquisition of the Fall Creek and Keowee Town Access Areas

Duke Power through its "access area improvement initiative" offered Oconee County an opportunity to lease lakefront property along Lake Keowee for the development of park facilities for public access. Two current access areas – known as Keowee Town and Fall Creek – located along the northern section of the lake provide public access to the water. While improved with paved parking areas and boat landings, the sites are unmanaged for the most part. For Oconee County to assume the responsibility for managing the sites, it was required to submit plans and schedules for developing the access areas, which must be approved by Duke Power and appropriate state and federal agencies, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

In responding to the offer from Duke Power to lease the Keowee Town and Fall Creek access areas, Oconee County submitted a schedule for site development, a management plan, a completed application form (Duke Power Recreation Area Lease Application), a schedule detailing hours of operation and applicable fees, and evidence that documents the authority of the county agency to enter the lease agreement. According to Duke Power officials, the plans and schedules submitted for each site must be evaluated by FERC, Duke Power and other appropriate federal and state agencies to ensure a balance and variety of facilities proposed.

Recommendations on Recreation and Tourism Resources

1. Though numerous trails are located in the County which are managed by state and federal agencies, the County should consider developing additional trails near the municipalities, in particular linking the urban core of Seneca, Wallalla and Westminster through the creation of bicycle lanes, rails-to-trails projects, and other appropriate mechanisms.
2. Continue to advertise the magnificent cultural, historical and natural resources located in the County and the numerous camping facilities, hiking and bicycling trails, and scenic drives available to experience these resources. This should be an effort to promote the recreation and tourism opportunities available throughout the County. Though the various providers of recreational opportunities have their own promotional campaigns, the County's goal should be to make potential visitors aware of all that is available. A Greater Oconee County Chamber of Commerce does not exist currently, but this type of agency is needed to coordinate such a promotional effort. Perhaps the Tourism Commission can serve in this capacity. The goal is to thoroughly assess the County's effort in promoting tourism, and foster its continued growth throughout Oconee.

THE SURVEY OF RECREATION DIRECTORS

In preparing the Oconee County Recreation Master Plan, each provider of publicly accessible recreational services that receives support from the County Council was mailed an open-end questionnaire to obtain information about the facilities and programs offered. Altogether, six directors of recreational programs received the questionnaire, including the recreation directors of four municipalities (Salem, Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster), the Fair-Oak Recreation District in the Fairplay/Oakway community, and the Townville community recreation program. (While some Oconee County residents participate in the recreation programs offered by the unincorporated community of Townville, Anderson County provides the bulk of the funding for its operation.)

Additionally, a meeting was held in late May 2002 with the County's Recreation Commission and the recreation directors. County PRT officials stated the County wanted to assist the communities in offering recreational services, and this meeting was an opportunity for the directors to discuss their programs.

The athletic director for Seneca Recreation, Alison Poore, expressed a need for more gym space and ball fields. The City is currently pursuing the use of Gignilliat Park gym and football field with the School District, since the high school's new stadium has been completed.

The president of the Tamassee-Salem Recreation Department outlined a number of needs for her community. The program was totally operated by a volunteer staff and funding came from sponsorships and county subsidy. Ball fields and gym space were provided by the Tamassee DAR school, with a local church allowing the use of its field for T-ball participants.

Walhalla recreation officials indicated a need for gym space, and though land had been purchased for additional fields, building the fields would prove an immediate challenge.

The recreation director for Westminster, Herbert Poole, identified several facility and equipment needs, including gym space, outdoor basketball courts, a multi-purpose field, improvements for the walking trail, air conditioning in its existing single court gym, a floor cleaning machine, a batting cage and nets, drinking water at the ball field, salary improvement, additional programs for youth, and programming for seniors. The Westminster recreation department is operated on a \$16,000 budget.

Representatives for the Fair-Oak Youth Center and the Townville Recreation Program were not present. However, their views were provided through the survey questionnaire.

Of particular interest, each of the recreation directors for the four municipalities indicated that fifty percent (50%) or more of their participants live outside the city limits of the community. A question was raised concerning the need for a centrally located recreation complex for the County, but the issue was tabled for discussion later.

Public Meetings

The schedule for the public forums was:

District #3 in Seneca	July 8 th	6:00 pm	Shaver Recreation Complex
District #5 in Fairplay	July 15 th	6:00 pm	Fair Oak Youth Center (former Fairplay Elementary)
District #2 in Walhalla	July 16 th	6:00 pm	Walhalla Depot
District #4 in Westminster	July 22 nd	6:00 pm	Westminster Baptist Church
District #1 in Salem	July 23 rd	7:00 pm	Salem Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Each forum lasted about 75 to 90 minutes. After a 25-minute presentation in Powerpoint, attendees were placed in groups of five to eight. Each group was asked to discuss the following questions and present their findings after a 30-minute session. The questions each group addressed were:

- 1) What is **GOOD** about recreation in Oconee County?
- 2) What improvements to recreation are needed in Oconee County?
- 3) What should be the focus of the County over the next 15 to 20 years regarding recreation.

The groups were asked to prioritize the items identified within each question after its initial discussion.

Survey of Oconee County Residents

A survey questionnaire was developed and distributed to over 13,000 residents of the County. The list of 12,000 registered voters in the county served as the primary sample pool, and an additional 100-150 were distributed to individuals on request. Respondents were asked to complete the questionnaire and mail the self-addressed, postage paid form by August 3, 2002. A total of 1274 questionnaires were received before the final tabulation occurred. The results are summarized below:

The availability of recreational and leisure services in Oconee County is apparently adequate for most residents since 358 (28.1%) indicated that they were *always* able to participate in recreational and leisure activities which they **enjoyed most**, and 688 (54%) indicated that *sometimes* they were able to participate in those activities enjoyed most (see Question 1). Similarly, 196 (15.4%) described the **variety** of recreational opportunities in the County as *abundant*, while 640 (50.2%) thought the variety was *sufficient* (see Question 2). Lastly, in Question 3 a majority of respondents described the **quality** of recreational programs and facilities in the County as either *excellent* (145 respondents or 11.4%) or *good* (570 or 44.7%). Altogether, residents indicated a high to moderate level of satisfaction with recreational services and facilities available in the County, based on these three questions about their perceptions of recreation experiences.

Question 5 asked respondents to identify their **regular participation** in various activities and programs. The activities and programs that were more prominently identified than others included: *walking/jogging* with 813 respondents; *reading*, 763; *gardening*, 743; *swimming in lakes/streams*, 687; *boating/canoeing*, 595; *picnics*, 584; *fishing*, 556; and attending *festivals or special events*, 555. Question 6 asked respondents to identify the four activities or programs that were **more important** to them or members of their household. This question found a slight difference in the activities and programs identified as more important when compared to the responses to Question 5. In particular, walking/jogging was identified as the most important activity by more respondents than the others. However, golf, boating/canoeing, camping, fishing, reading, and hiking received significant support from respondents as the most important. Similarly, walking/jogging was identified by more respondents as most important in their second, third or fourth choices, but a variety of activities and programs received high counts as well, including: boating/canoeing, festivals/special events, fishing, gardening, golf, hiking, picnics, reading, and swimming in lakes/streams. Overall, Oconee County seems to have the recreational activities, programs and facilities in abundant to sufficient quantity and quality to satisfy its residents and visitors.

When respondents were asked to identify the **organizations or agencies** in the County they used to their provide recreational programs and facilities, South Carolina State Parks was cited by more respondents (895 or 70.25%) than the other providers, followed by Oconee County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department with 751 responses (58.94%) and churches in the area with 684 responses (53.68%). No other provider of recreational programs and facilities approached the level of these three.

Over 72.5% (924) of the respondents to the survey indicated that they had visited a **park site** in the County during the past 12 month period. (See Question 10.) As a provider of recreational facilities and programs, Oconee County has three parks that respondents identified as having visited more often than other parks in the county, except Oconee State Park. (See Question 11.) Finally, the respondents were asked to describe the **general condition** of the parks that they have visited in Oconee County, and 17.6% (224) indicated the parks were in *excellent* condition, with 34.8% (443) indicating *good* condition, and 35.0% (447) indicating *fair* condition. (See Question 12.)

Though very few respondents identified improper **maintenance** as the reason for not using parks and recreational facilities in the County more often (Question 13), a little over 50% percent (643) indicated that when compared to other priorities for the County, it was *very important* to **fund improvements** to parks and recreational facilities in Oconee during the next 15 years. Additionally, another 40.3% (513) of the respondents cited the issue as *somewhat important*, and only five percent (64) of the respondents thought it

was not important. (See Question 14.) The value that residents placed on well-maintained parks and recreation facilities is apparently high since 80.9% (1031) of the respondents expressed the opinion that well-maintained parks and facilities increased the value of homes near them. Not surprisingly, a majority (54.6% or 696) of the respondents stated that there are **not enough parks, trails, and other recreational facilities** available near their home. (See Question 7.) Similarly, a slightly significant number of respondents (181) cited that facilities are not close to their home (see Question 13).

Respondents were asked to indicate the relative importance of various improvements needed in existing parks and facilities in Oconee County. Corresponding to the activities participated in most as discussed above, more respondents (636) identified **building trails** for walking, jogging and bicycling as *very important* when compared to other potential improvements cited. Additionally, preserving existing historical facilities (602) and improving playground and picnic areas (581) were identified as very important by a significant number of respondents (see Question 16).

Similarly, more respondents (582) indicated that building **new multiple purpose trails** for walking, jogging and bicycling was *very important* than respondents indicating the other new recreational amenities listed. A significant number of respondents indicated that building a **large indoor community center** with special features was very important, also. Support for other new parks and recreation facilities was not as high. (See Question 18.)

A significant majority of respondents (76% or 968) expressed their **willingness to fund improvements** to existing parks and facilities with tax dollars. Likewise, a majority expressed their willingness for tax dollars to be spent on building new parks and facilities with 69.7% (888). (See Questions 17 and 19.)

While this survey may provide a great deal of feedback regarding recreation priorities for the County, some weaknesses in the data collection are obvious. First, 1274 useable surveys were returned out of the 13,000 mailed to registered voters in the County – slightly less than ten percent. Second, the demographic data of the respondents differ somewhat from the overall demographics of the County, particularly regarding age, sex and race. While the County has a median age of 39.5 years, the median age of the survey respondents is nearly 54 years. While 50.8% of the County's population is female, over 57% of the survey respondents were female. Furthermore, 89.1% of the population of Oconee County is white and 8.4% African-American according to the 2000 Census. But, 95.8% of the survey respondents were white, and only 1.8% (22) were African-American. (See Questions 24, 25 and 26.) Lastly, while about 75% of the residents of the County reside outside the city limits, nearly 85% (1075) of the survey respondents live outside the city limits. (See Question 20.) (It is particularly interesting that 650 respondents identified a town in which they live in Question 21, but only 177 indicated that they actually live in the city limits according to Question 20).

Summary and Conclusions

SWOTS Analysis

In establishing recommendations for Oconee County's parks, recreation and tourism department, various efforts were made to obtain input from the participants, user groups, volunteers, public officials, and other interested residents. In particular, a public forum was held in each County Council district, a survey questionnaire was distributed to over 13,000 County residents, and the directors of recreation programs offered by local communities were surveyed or interviewed. The findings of each of these activities are presented in this document. The following is a summary of the findings:

Strengths

- ◆ Oconee County is blessed with an abundance and variety of natural resources that presently can meet the recreation demand of both residents and visitors. These recreation resources include the lakes, rivers, creeks, foothills, mountains and forests.
- ◆ Oconee County has an abundance of undeveloped land outside the urban core, primarily agricultural land that has yet to be converted. Fortunately, about 25% of the County's land base lies within managed areas, like the Sumter National Forest or Jocassee Gorges.
- ◆ Numerous trails, primarily for walking and hiking, are located along the foothills, mountains, and forests and allow access to the lakes, rivers, creeks and waterfalls in those areas for various activities.
- ◆ The numerous campgrounds and boat landings managed by county, state, or federal agencies permit public access to the lakes of Oconee for boating, fishing and other water-related activities.
- ◆ Oconee County has an adequate road network that allows access its most of its natural resource and cultural resource base. Motorists can easily enjoy the Oconee experience using the three interconnected scenic highways that cross the County – State Highway 24, the Savannah River Scenic Highway; State Highway 11, the Cherokee Foothills Scenic Highway; and State Highway 107.
- ◆ Recreation programming and services are provided by four municipalities and two unincorporated communities.
- ◆ Various federal, state, county, church, or other private entities provide recreation facilities and services that complement programs and services offered by local communities (including camping areas, boat landings, hiking/walking trails, multiple use trails, golf courses, swimming areas, gym space, and more).
- ◆ Willing and interested parents and volunteers around the County who serve as coaches, officials, fundraisers, and program staff without pay.
- ◆ Oconee County has a rich history and celebrates this culture and tradition through several festivals held throughout the year, including: Oktoberfest in Walhalla celebrating its German heritage, the South Carolina Apple Festival held around Labor Day in Westminster to celebrate the area's apple industry, the Spring Heritage Festival held annually in Seneca, the Native American Day Festival held annually at Oconee Station State Park to celebrate the strong ties of the area to its Native American past, Hillbilly Day held in Mountain Rest on July 4th to celebrate the area folk culture, and the Last Blast of Summer at South Cove County Park.

Weaknesses

Oconee County's population is growing rapidly, particularly faster in its unincorporated, rural areas. Two providers of recreation programming serve unincorporated, rural communities (Fair Play/Oakway and Townville). Each of the recreation directors for the four municipalities indicated that fifty percent (50%) or more of their participants live outside the city limits of the community, which may eventually overwhelm one or more of the municipal programs (particularly Salem and Westminster) as the county's population continues to grow and unplanned development occurs. Each of the directors of the recreation programs indicated a list of current needs ranging from fields and facilities to personnel and pay. The needs of each of the public recreation providers are:

- ◆ Seneca Recreation expressed a need for more gym space and ball fields. The City is currently pursuing the use of Gignilliat Park gym and the football field with the School District, but funding to complete the gymnasium's renovation and redevelopment of the fields has not been finalized. Likewise, the recreation department would like to expand its programming by offering track and field, golf, and yet-to-be-determined summer activities.
- ◆ Tamassee-Salem Recreation Department is totally operated by a volunteer staff and funding comes from sponsorships and county subsidy. Ball fields and gym space are provided by the Tamassee DAR School, and a local church allows the use of its field for T-ball participants. Salem has no immediate plans to add activities or facilities; however, an effort to add baseball fields in the future is expected. Support for this effort apparently will be initiated through grants and fundraising activities. Further, funding for a director (full-time or part-time) is needed. Current support for the town's program is derived from concessions, tournaments, county appropriations, and private grants.
- ◆ Walhalla recreation officials indicated an immediate need for gym space. The City of Walhalla has purchased property adjacent to Scortoma Field, and the development of this property is the number one priority for the Walhalla Recreation Department. Unfortunately, the funding to develop the property has not been identified yet. Additionally, the recreation department would like to begin offering fall baseball, spring soccer, and an adult softball program, but presently, neither funds nor facilities are available to initiate the plans.
- ◆ The recreation director for Westminster identified several facility and equipment needs, including gym space, outdoor basketball courts, a multi-purpose field, improvements for the walking trail, air conditioning in its existing single-court gym, a floor cleaning machine, a batting cage and nets, drinking water at its one ball field, salary improvements, additional programs for youth, and programming for seniors. The Westminster recreation department is operated on a \$16,000 budget and the bulk of this is used to pay for officials, which are the worst paid in the county among the municipalities. Any other money that the department has available is raised through fundraisers, donations, etc. Assistance from other sources is highly sought and needed.
- ◆ The Fair-Oak Youth Center, Inc., needs funding for a new gymnasium with office space and a football/soccer stadium. Additionally, representatives of the organization have submitted a request to the Oconee County School Board for an amendment to the current lease agreement that would expand the areas used in the old Fair Play Elementary School building to allow for additional concession space and restrooms. Lastly, the organization needs funding for a part-time administrative employee."

The Townville program has no funding to support the addition of highly desired programs, like youth football and soccer. Fundraising activities and participant fees provide the means to support the addition of soccer and football, at this time. The two existing ball fields at the elementary school would be used

for the programs. Currently, only basketball and baseball are offered by the Townville program and both sports are operated, with exception to the athletic director, by a complete volunteer staff. All funds raised are to operate baseball and basketball and to improve our current facilities. The program needs a bigger concession stand, additional storage for equipment and more bathrooms.

Another factor to consider is the significant increase in seniors in the County. The County's population is graying, from a nature increase among resident baby boomers and as retirees continue to relocate to the area. Thus, the 50 years and older age group will continue to rise dramatically over the next twenty years. While an aging population is not a weakness necessarily, the inability of the County to accommodate the recreation needs of its aging population base may be.

Oconee County does not have a countywide zoning ordinance in place, which could lead to inappropriate development occurring adjacent to valuable natural resource areas and cultural resource sites used for recreation activities.

Opportunities

- ◆ In terms of recreation, large tracts of undeveloped land are available outside the urban areas, which could be acquired for future needs, especially old agricultural lands outside the urban core or in lake access areas.
- ◆ The recreation programs of local communities receive tremendous support from residents and area businesses. This support cannot be squandered or lost. Activities that keep public awareness high are critical.
- ◆ Many residents want the County to become more involved in recreation programming, both financial support and activity enhancement and coordination.
- ◆ The county parks are very popular and highly used by residents and visitors. Marketing efforts should be strengthened to maintain their popularity and public support.
- ◆ Oconee County can become a more significant travel destination in the Upstate with greater marketing of the natural and cultural resource base.
- ◆ A county recreation complex seems to have more than a moderate amount of support among residents, and this should be explored further to determine its feasibility. Such a complex might include gymnasiums, a walking track, indoor courts for racquet sports, multiple purpose rooms for meetings, an indoor swimming pool, ball fields, playgrounds, picnicking areas, an outdoor amphitheater, and adequate parking areas.

Threats

- ◆ Existing parks and other facilities managed by the County must not fall into disrepair from improper maintenance and neglect.

Some community sponsored recreation programs are underfunded, leading to poorly maintained facilities in need of updating and repairs, insufficient equipment, and apathy among staff, volunteers, and residents.

- ◆ The aging population base of the County may become a problem if proper steps are not taken early to accommodate the recreation needs of this population segment and its various user groups.
- ◆ Without a countywide zoning ordinance, Oconee does not have the means to address potential inappropriate development occurring adjacent to valuable natural resource areas and cultural resource sites that are used for recreation activities. For instance, the scenic highways located in Oconee are valuable resources, but they are in need of better management policies so the highways will not lose their scenic designation.

Recommendations to County Council

1. Ensure that existing sites and facilities managed by the County – the parks and boat landings – are in good repair, properly maintained, and well-supervised. In the County's annual budget, funds are included to address maintenance and repair work for each of the county parks. Current funding levels are appropriate and should be continued for the sites and facilities (three parks) managed by the County presently. (See page 38 of this document to review the funding for the County PRT department.) **This is an on-going annual activity.**
2. The County should acquire lands that have the potential for future development as recreational areas, including agricultural tracts no longer in farming, floodplains, and lands adjacent to established natural and cultural resources. Primarily, the County should acquire a tract of land that is a minimum 40 to 60 acres in size to develop a county sports complex having a central indoor facility and sufficient land for multi-purpose ball fields (i.e., for baseball, football, soccer, and softball), a walking trail, picnicking facilities, and other passive areas. **This is an activity to be initiated in Phase I of the County's long-range plan and fully implemented by the end of the five-year period.**
3. The County should investigate the feasibility of developing hiking/walking trails and/or bicycle lanes that link the three municipalities of Seneca, Walhalla and Westminster. A preliminary, but significant, study of this recommendation was developed and submitted within a Clemson University graduate student's thesis in 2001 ("Creating a Framework for Public Participation in a Rail-Trail Project in Oconee County, South Carolina" by Susan L. Fisher). This activity warrants further study in Phase I of the County's long-range plan over the next five years. **Segments of the trail should be developed in Phase II, and the tri-city loop completed by the end of Phase IV in twenty years.**
4. The County should continue talks with Duke Power to acquire the Fall Creek and Keowee Town Access areas on Lake Keowee. A feasibility study and management plan was previously submitted to the County and negotiations with the company continue. Once acquired, the phasing to develop the sites should follow the previous study and incorporated into this long-range plan.
5. The local communities that sponsor recreation programs and services need different levels of financial assistance. A decision making process should be instituted by County Council that establishes a predetermined level of support for each community, perhaps based on community need or other objective criteria.
6. The County should become involved in coordinating recreation programming among the local communities, including: offering clinics for youth sports, creating programs for seniors, developing workshops to train coaches and officials, sponsoring teams and activities in the more rural and underserved areas of the County, hosting tournaments, and holding periodic public forums to discuss issues. **Coordinating such activities would require hiring a county recreation director, and this should occur within the next 2 to 3 years in Phase I of the long-range plan.**

7. **A county recreation complex seems to have more than a moderate level of support among residents.** The feasibility of developing such a facility should be investigated by County officials, as soon as possible and certainly in the next two years. Initially, the County should acquire a tract of land that is a minimum of 40 to 60 acres in size to build a county sports complex having an indoor facility with courts, swimming pool, and multi-purpose rooms. Oconee County needs an indoor facility that is strategically located near or within high-growth districts of the county. A facility approximately 30,000 sq. ft. to 40,000 sq. ft. is appropriate (estimated cost \$85 to \$120 sq. ft.). The additional land will be used for multi-purpose ball fields (i.e., for baseball, football, soccer, and softball), a walking trail, picnicking facilities, and other passive areas. Among the potential sites to locate such a facility would be in the Fair Play/Oakway/Westminster area between Highway 11 and Highway 59 or in the center of the urban core of Seneca, Walhalla and Westminster. **This is an activity to be initiated in Phase I of the County's long-range plan and fully implemented by the end of Phase II.**

8. The County should improve its funding for the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department, possibly through appropriations from the existing tax base, identifying corporate and private donors, establishing a local option sales tax or hospitality tax, holding referendums to issue bonds, increasing user fees at existing parks and other facilities, and/or initiating a capital campaign drive. **This is an on-going annual activity that must be initiated in Phase I of the County's long-range plan and fully implemented by the end of the five-year period. After Phase I identifying sources of funding is ongoing and continued throughout the twenty year period.**

9. The county parks are very popular and highly used by residents and visitors. Marketing efforts should be strengthened to maintain their popularity and public support. Moreover, Oconee County can become a more significant travel destination in the Upstate with greater marketing of the natural and cultural resource base. **This is an on-going annual activity that must be initiated in Phase I of the County's long-range plan and fully implemented by the end of the five-year period. After Phase I identifying sources of funding is ongoing and continued throughout the twenty year period.**

Phasing & Cost Activity	Phase I 1 to 5 years	Phase II 6 to 10 years	Phase III 11 to 15 years	Phase IV 16 to 20 years
Keeping existing parks and boat landings in good repair, properly maintained, and well-supervised	Average of \$1.6 million per year based on current PRT budget	Average of \$2 million per year based on current PRT budget	Average of \$2.5 million per year based on current PRT budget	Average of \$3.0 million per year based on current PRT budget
Acquisition of a tract of land minimum 40 to 60 acres in size for sports complex	Initial purchase ranging from \$200,000 to \$400,000	Development and maintenance of ball fields and open areas at approx. \$100,000 per year	Maintenance of ball fields and grounds at approx. \$50,000 per year	Maintenance of ball fields and grounds at approx. \$60,000 per year
Hiking/walking trails and/or bicycle lanes that link the three municipalities	Planning grants and other outside funding totaling \$50,000	Planning grants and other outside funding totaling \$100,000	Planning grants and other outside funding totaling \$200,000	Planning grants and other outside funding totaling \$300,000
Acquire the Fall Creek and Kenwood Town Access areas	(See previously submitted plan)	(See previously submitted plan)	(See previously submitted plan)	(See previously submitted plan)
Financial assistance to local communities	Currently \$45,000 increasing to \$60,000	Increasing by \$2K each year from \$60K to \$70K	Increasing by \$3K each year from \$70K to \$85K	Increasing by \$4K each year from \$85K to \$105K
Full-time county recreation director	Approx. \$40,000 to \$50,000 per yr.	Approx. \$45,000 to \$60,000 per yr.	Approx. \$50,000 to \$60,000 per yr.	Approx. \$60,000 to \$70,000 per yr.
Indoor facility with courts, swimming pool, and multi-purpose rooms	Approx. \$2.5 to \$4.0 million for initial planning and construction	Est. operation and maintenance totaling \$50,000 per year	Est. operation and maintenance totaling \$55,000 per year	Est. operation and maintenance totaling \$60,000 per year
Capital Campaign	X	X	X	X
Marketing Campaign	X	X	X	X

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF OCONEE

ORDINANCE 2003-06

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE TIME LIMITATIONS FOR RECEIVING TAX REFUNDS FROM OCONEE COUNTY, AND REPEALING OCONEE COUNTY ORDINANCE 95-8

WHEREAS, Section 12-43-220 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, sets forth the classifications and assessments for classes of property within this state subject to ad valorem taxation to be collected by local governments; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of South Carolina provide that a taxpayer may make application for a refund of property taxes paid under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Section 12-54-85 (F) provides for time limitations for applying full refund; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of the County of Oconee, in session, duly assembled with quorum present and voting as follows:

Section I:

A taxpayer may make application for a refund of the County portion of property taxes paid when the taxpayer believes that there has been an overpayment of the property tax. The application must be made in accordance with the provisions of South Carolina Code Section 12-60-2560. Claims for credit or refund must be filed within three (3) years of the date that a timely filed return is filed, including extension, or two (2) years from the date of payment, whichever is later. If no return is filed, a claim for refund must be filed within two (2) years from the date of payment.

Section II:

This Ordinance shall repeal and replace Ordinance 95-8, an Ordinance to Provide a mechanism for the allowance of refunds for qualifying tax payers for the County portion of property taxes as provided in section 12-43-220 (C) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina.

Section III:

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval on third and final reading by the Oconee County Council.

APPROVED on FIRST READING this _____ day of _____, 2003, by a vote of:

_____ YES

_____ NO

OPAL O. GREEN, CLERK

APPROVED on SECOND READING this _____ day of _____, 2003, by
a vote of:

_____ YES

_____ NO

OPAL O. GREEN, CLERK

APPROVED on THIRD READING this _____ day of _____, 2003, by a
vote of:

_____ YES

_____ NO

ANN HUGHES
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council

Attest:

OPAL O. GREEN, CLERK

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE COUNTY
ORDINANCE 2003- 07 (Replaces Ordinance 2000-06)

ARTICLE I: EFFECTIVE DATE

Ordinance 2000-06 shall be repealed, as well as any other Ordinance provision or portion of any Ordinance in conflict herewith, upon the effective date of this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2005 or upon the vacancy of the office of the Oconee County Supervisor, whichever occurs first.

ARTICLE II: FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The Form of Government for Oconee County shall be the Council-Administrator Form of Government. The County Council shall consist of the five (5) members elected from single member districts, the boundaries of which shall be determined by the County Council. The Chief Administrator Officer of Oconee County shall be the Administrator, who shall be appointed by County Council in accordance with this Ordinance.

ARTICLE III: COUNCIL OFFICERS

3.1 The County Council shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and such other officers from among its members as it may deem necessary for terms as hereinafter set forth at the initial meeting of the County Council in January of each year. Vacancies shall be filled by the County Council for the unexpired term of any office vacated in the same manner as for the initial selection of an officer for that office. All elections shall be by majority vote of the quorum present. Officers may succeed themselves.

3.2 *Chairperson.* At the initial County Council meeting in January of each year, the County Council shall elect one of its members to serve as Chairperson for a one-year term, or until a successor is elected and qualified. The Chairperson shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the County Council; shall execute, on behalf of the County Council, all ordinances, resolutions, directives, deeds, bonds, contracts, and other official instruments or documents unless otherwise specified; and shall have such other duties and perform such other functions as are set forth in these rules and as authorized or required by state law.

3.3 *Vice Chairperson.* At the initial County Council meeting in January of each year the County Council shall elect one of its members to serve as Vice Chairperson for a one year term. In the event that the Chairperson shall be temporarily absent or unable to serve, the Vice Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson in his/her stead.

3.4 *Clerk.* The County Council may appoint a person, not a member of the County Council, to serve as Clerk at the pleasure of County Council. If appointed, the clerk will prepare the agenda at the direction of the Chairperson and the County Administrator for

County Council meetings; record all proceedings of the County Council; deliver copies of the minutes of each County Council meeting to all members prior to the next regular County Council meeting; keep the minutes of all County Council Committee meetings when requested by the chairperson of such committee; keep a register of all proposed ordinances and resolutions, assigning them a number and arranging them in order of introduction; compile, index, codify, and publish by title all ordinances adopted by County Council; serve as secretary of the County Council in typing and preparation of reports, recommendations, ordinances, resolutions, directives and correspondence. The Clerk will report to the Chairperson of County Council for the performance of the duties of the office.

ARTICLE IV: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

4.1: Position Created; Powers and Duties.

The office of Administrator of the County is hereby created and shall be the administrative head of the county government and shall have those powers and duties provided for in S.C. Code, § 4-9-620 et seq. (1976) which shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. The County Administrator shall be the chief administrative officer of the county, and he/she shall be responsible to County Council for the proper administration of all county affairs.
2. The County Administrator shall appoint and supervise all appointive officers or employees of the county. He/she shall fix the salaries of such officers and employees according to an overall pay plan adopted by Council. He/she may suspend or remove any employee for the good of the county in accordance with the rules and regulations governing county employees as adopted by County Council. This authority is subject to the limitations imposed by section 4-9-30(7) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, (1976).
3. The County Administrator shall prepare the annual operating and capital improvements budgets, submit them to County Council, and be responsible for their administration after adoption.
4. The County Administrator shall prepare and submit to County Council at the end of each fiscal year a complete annual report of the finances and administrative activities of the county for the preceding year and make such other financial reports from time to time as may be required by the Council or by the Charter of the county.
5. The County Administrator shall keep County Council advised of the financial condition and future needs of the county and make such recommendations as may seem to him/her desirable.

6. The County Administrator may issue administrative orders or regulations to establish, abolish, transfer, consolidate or alter offices, agencies or departments which he/she deems in the best interest of the county to promote efficiency, reduce cost, increase adequacy or effectiveness of programs.
7. The County Administrator shall see that all ordinances, resolutions, and orders of County Council are faithfully executed.
8. The County Administrator shall examine regularly the accounts, records, and operations of every county department, office and agency, make monthly reports to County Council on county affairs; keep council advised on the financial condition and future needs of the county; and make such recommendations on county affairs as he/she deems desirable.
9. The County Administrator shall supervise all phases of financial administration, the care and custody of all county property, the recording of all legal instruments, and execute such other duties as may be prescribed by County Council.
10. The County Administrator shall prepare and make available for distribution to the public within three (3) months after the end of the fiscal year an annual report on county affairs, such report to be in a form prescribed by Council.
11. Council shall, on an annual basis, set performance criteria for the Administrator and shall annually review the performance of the Administrator.

4.2: Interim Administrator

In the event that the position of Administrator becomes vacant, County Council shall appoint an Interim Administrator to act in the absence of the Administrator. The person appointed by Council shall not be a member of Council. The terms of the employment an Interim Administrator shall be determined at the time of the appointment of the Interim Administrator.

ARTICLE V: BOND OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Each County employee shall be covered by a blanket fidelity bond issued by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of South Carolina in the penal sum of not less than \$100,000 payable to Oconee County upon or in the event of a loss by the County resulting from misconduct on the part of such employee.

Further, all elected County Officials and all other employees, if any, not covered under the blanket bond shall execute an individual bond in the penal sum as shall be determined by County Council.

The cost of such bond shall be borne by Oconee County as an expense of the operation of its government.

ARTICLE VI: TREASURER AND AUDITOR

The Treasurer and Auditor of Oconee County shall be elected in the general election held every four (4) years concurrent with and in the same year as the Presidential election, and they shall take office on July 31st following their election and terminating on July 30th of the fourth ensuing year thereafter. The Treasurer and Auditor of Oconee County shall execute a fidelity bond in favor of Oconee County, secured by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of South Carolina, in such sums as may be hereafter directed from time to time by County Council.

ARTICLE VII: OTHER OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

7.1: Ratification

Oconee County Council hereby ratifies and reaffirms the creation of an Office of Procurement, County Building Inspector, Tax Assessor and Finance, and those persons holding such offices shall perform duties specified in the Ordinances creating the office, together with such other duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Administrator or as may be assigned to them by appropriate Ordinance adopted by Oconee County Council.

7.2: Finance Director

The Office of Finance as authorized herein shall have the duties assigned to it by the Administrator, and shall include, *inter alia*, the responsibility for the budget preparation, grant preparation, as well as maintenance of such County fiscal records as may be required by the Administrator.

7.3: Human Resources Director

There shall be designated a Human Resources Director, who shall be responsible for the maintenance of the payroll, insurance and personnel records. Such Human Resources Director shall be a department head and shall work under the direction of the Administrator.

7.4: Department Heads

All department heads shall be appointed by and serve under the direct supervision of the Administrator as the chief administrative officer of Oconee County. These officers shall serve for an indefinite term. They shall be appointed and discharged by the County Administrator.

7.5: County Attorney and County Physician

County Council at the first council meeting following the general election, shall appoint a member of the Oconee County Bar to serve as County Attorney, and a physician or a group of physicians engaging the act of practice of medicine in Oconee County to serve as County Physicians; for an indefinite term.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

8.1: Meetings

The Council shall hold its regular meetings for the transaction of official business at least once each month. The time and place of such meetings for the next year shall be determined by Council at the first Council meeting in January, which will take place on the first Tuesday of January (unless the first Tuesday falls on January 1st, in which case, the first meeting will be on the second Tuesday in January) at the Oconee County Council Chambers, Waihalla, SC. Special meetings shall be held at such time as the Chairperson may direct, provided that no special meeting shall be held unless the Chairperson shall cause all Council Members to be notified and give twenty-four (24) hours public notice of the hour, date and place of such meeting. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that with the consent of all members of the Council, notice of such emergency meeting may be waived. Publication of a special meeting by posting the same in three (3) public places, one of which may be the bulletin board of the Oconee County Courthouse, shall be sufficient publication for the requirements of this section. Three (3) members of the County Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall vote on all questions, Resolutions and Ordinances presented to the Council for action. All meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, as amended from time to time.

8.2: Conduct of Meetings

8.2.1: Should any person, group or organizations request to be heard upon any matter at a regular or special meeting of the Council, such person, group or organization shall request the Clerk to present said request to the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall refer the matter to the appropriate Council Committee before discussion and possible action. The person, group, or organization shall be notified by the Clerk of the date and time of the Committee meeting. This requirement may be waived by the Chairperson in the case of great urgency if the matter is presented in writing and every member of Council is provided with a copy prior to the commencement of the next regular scheduled Council meeting or is otherwise specified on the agenda.

8.2.2: The Clerk shall be responsible for and prepare a copy of an official agenda and a copy thereof shall be provided to every member of Council and to the local news media at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the Council Meeting, unless matters of urgency are added to the agenda prior to the time set for a meeting of Council, but at such proximity to the time set for such meeting as to make it impossible to have the same included in the written copy of the agenda.

8.2.5: No matter shall be entered upon the agenda or heard by the Council unless the same is within the authority and jurisdiction of the Council. Provided, however, the Council may entertain requests that it make recommendations to other governmental bodies, departments or agencies.

8.2.6: When any person or persons are heard by Council as provided herein, such person or persons, when they have completed their presentation, shall be seated and no person or persons other than a member of Council or its Chairperson shall be recognized to make any statement on such a matter unless requested to do so by the Council or any member thereof through the Chairperson.

8.3: The Model Rules of Parliamentary Procedure for South Carolina Counties as published by the South Carolina Association of County are hereby adopted.

8.4: Conduct of County Council.

(a) *County council members.* Except for the purposes of inquiries and official investigations, neither the County Council nor its members shall give direct orders to any county officer or employee, other than the County Administrator and the Clerk to county council, either publicly or privately.

When appropriate, a County Council member may discuss a problem with an official or an employee. Within general policy guidelines established by the County Council and the Administrator, he/she may offer advice to promote positive solutions to a problem. However, such advice or comment by a single County Council member has no official standing and does not relieve the employee of this responsibility for implementing official county policy. County Council members should be aware that advice given to employees has much persuasive impact on them. Therefore, responsibility for informal contact with employees is a serious responsibility and must not be taken lightly. Any County Council member may request any information from any County department head, with notice of the request being sent to the County Administrator.

(b) *Chairperson.* County Council will exercise its governing authority only through ordinances, resolutions, and policy statements and directives officially enacted by county council which will be promulgated through the Chairperson. Officials, employees, or others requesting clarification of county council's intent will direct their inquiries to the Chairperson, through the Administrator when appropriate, as in the case of county employees.

With the exception of organizational policies established by County Council, the Chairperson shall exercise no authority over any elected officials of the county whose offices were created either by the Constitution or by general law of the state.

(c) *Resignation of members.* Resignation of county council members shall be in writing, and no final action shall be taken thereon by the County Council until the next regular meeting.

8.5: Deacon County Personnel and County Council

(a) Elected Officials:

(1) All elected officials are responsible to the people for the performance of the duties prescribed by state and local laws for their respective offices.

(2) Elected officials are responsible to council, through its chairperson, for the proper expenditure of funds budgeted to their offices by council.

(3) The work of elected officials, unless otherwise provided in this document, will be coordinated with other offices through the office of the County Administrator.

(4) The County Administrator shall have the right to hire, discharge, discipline, and enforce county personnel policies as to persons employed in offices having elected officials as department head only as authorized by state law.

(5) County Council may assign duties to an elected official in addition to those prescribed by law only with the consent of the elected official and only if not prohibited by state law. County Council may provide additional specified pay for such duties when, in the opinion of council, such pay is justified.

(b) Employed officials:

(1) Officials serving as non-elective department heads shall receive directives from and make their reports to the office of County Administrator.

(2) Normal channels of communication between employee and executive consistent with established business practice will be used in such relationship.

(3) No employed official other than the Administrator will be appointed to a "term" of office or have a contract of employment, formal or informal or by operation of law, establishing such a "term" of office. No "terms of employment" will be construed as a contract of employment for a "term" of office, except in the case of the County Administrator. Every county employee other than the Administrator is an employee "at will" of the county and will serve until terminated under policies promulgated by County Council or by state law, which policies shall not be written or interpreted so as to create a contractual relationship for a "term" of office. Personnel policies adopted by County Council will be consistent with this standard.

ARTICLE IX: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

9.1: To Be Approved As To Form:

Prior to introduction, all proposed Ordinances and Resolutions shall be submitted to the Clerk for registration in accordance with the provisions hereof. As used herein, the term "Ordinance" shall be an ordinance having the force of law, and the term "Resolution" shall mean a resolution having the force of law.

9.2: Written Form

All proposed Ordinances and Resolutions shall be in writing, either typed or printed, and in sufficient number of copies for each Member of Council to be provided with copies at the time of introduction of the proposal.

9.3: Adoption of Ordinances, Resolutions, Public Meetings

9.3.1: Ordinances: The Council shall take legislative action by Ordinance, which may be introduced by any member. With the exception of emergency Ordinances, all proposed Ordinances shall be read at three (3) public meetings of Council on three (3) separate days, with an interval of not less than seven (7) days between the second and third readings. All proceedings of Council shall be recorded and all Ordinances adopted by Council shall be compiled, indexed, codified, published by Title and made available to public inspection at the Office of the Clerk of Council. The Clerk of Council shall maintain a permanent record of all Ordinances adopted and shall furnish a copy of such record to the Clerk of Court of Osceola County for filing in that office. Except as otherwise provided for herein, all Ordinances and Resolutions shall be enacted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members of Council present and voting.

9.3.2) Public Hearings: Upon giving reasonable public notice (herein defined as not less than fifteen (15) days notice of the time and place of such hearings to be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County), public hearings shall be held before final Council action is taken to:

- a) Adopt annual operational and capital budgets;
- b) Make appropriations, including supplemental appropriations;
- c) Adopt building, housing, electrical, plumbing, gas and all other regulatory codes involving penalties;
- d) Adopt zoning and subdivision regulations;
- e) Levy taxes; and
- f) Sell, lease or contract to sell or lease real property owned by the County

The Council may adopt standard code or technical regulations by reference thereto in the adopting Ordinance. The procedure and requirements governing such Ordinances shall be as prescribed for Ordinances listed in [§] through [§] above. Copies

of any code or technical regulations shall be made available by the Clerk of Council for distribution or for purchase at a reasonable price.

9.3.3: Emergency Ordinances:

To meet public emergencies affecting life, health, safety or the property of the people, Council may adopt emergency Ordinances, but such Ordinances may not levy taxes, grant, renew or extend a franchise, or impose or change a service rate. Every emergency Ordinance shall be designed as such and shall contain a declaration that an emergency exists and describe the emergency. Every emergency Ordinance shall be enacted by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of Council present and voting.

An emergency Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its enactment without regard to any reading, public hearing, publication requirements or public notice requirements. Emergency Ordinances shall expire automatically as of the sixty-first (61st) day following the date of enactment.

9.3.4: Reading of Ordinances: If all members of Council are furnished copies of a proposed Ordinance or Resolution, a verbatim reading thereof shall not be required unless specifically requested by a Council Member. Further, in the absence of an objection by at least two (2) members, Ordinances may be adopted on first reading by title only, when the member making a motion to adopt shall explain to the satisfaction of Council (i) the purpose of the Ordinance; (ii) an outline of its provisions; and (iii) its effect, if any, upon existing Ordinances. The offering of such Ordinances by title only shall permit discussion thereof and when appropriate, the draft preparation of the Ordinance by the County Attorney or the Council Member introducing such Ordinance or submission to an appropriate Sub-Committee of Council for further study.

9.3.5: Resolutions: Resolutions of Council authorizing appropriate action by the Chairperson and/or Administrator; approving transfer of funds from the contingency fund to a particular line item or within a line item of any department; approval of purchases or similar contracts, inducement agreements for industrial revenue financing, recognition by Council of services on behalf of the County, State or of the United States, a statement of County policy or position concerning a single transaction or incident, and similar expressions of the will of the Council concerning the day-to-day operation of County government, may be adopted upon single reading, but such Resolutions shall be set forth in full in the minutes of the meeting or shall be presented in a written form in full in the minutes of the meeting or shall be presented in a written form to be included with the minutes indicating the adoption of such Resolution.

8.4: Amendments to Budget: After the adoption of the annual appropriation Ordinance, the County Council may, by Resolution, authorize transfer of funds from any contingency fund or funds provided in the appropriation Ordinance to meet and satisfy the needs of any particular department or to supplement a line item in the Appropriation Ordinance from such contingency fund or funds. Additionally, County

Council may by Resolution transfer or authorize the transfer of funds from one particular line item from one department in the Appropriation Ordinance, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, notwithstanding any other provision hereof, transfer of funds from one department to another other than from the contingency funds provided for such purposes shall be accomplished only by means of Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance which shall be adopted only after hearings, including the publication requirements, as for the adoption of any Appropriation Ordinance.

9.5: Loans and Revenue Sharing Funds

9.5.1: Loans By appropriate resolution and without the necessity of public hearings and notice requirements, Council may authorize temporary borrowing of funds required to meet the necessary expenses of the County as set forth in the original appropriations Ordinance only if the following requirements are satisfied and met:

That such borrowings are authorized by the Statutory Law of South Carolina, the Constitution of this State or, when appropriate under the provisions of the laws of the United States relating to the use and applications of revenue sharing funds.

9.5.2: By ordinance, Council may authorize tax anticipation borrowings and such obligation shall become due at such time as shall satisfy the requirements of the statutory Law of South Carolina and the loan shall be paid from taxes pledged to secure such borrowing.

9.5.3: Loans may be approved by appropriate Resolution from one County fund or funds provided for a particular line item to another, without public hearing, and including the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund, provided that such loans are repayable within six (6) months from the date of the loan and within the fiscal year in which the loan was effected. In the absence of such repayment a supplemental appropriations Ordinance together with public notice thereof must be undertaken, in which case such loan shall be considered transfers. If loans from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund are not repaid, then a public hearing shall be held, together with appropriate notice, prior to any authorization of a waiver of such loan repayments and the same shall constitute an amendment of the Revenue Sharing Plan adopted after due notice and public hearing.

9.5.4: Ordinances and Resolutions to be Printed

Annually, all Ordinances and Resolutions of the Council passed during the preceding twelve (12) months shall be printed and made available for public distribution by the Clerk.

9.6: Quorum

Unless otherwise provided, three (3) members of Council shall constitute a quorum of Oconee County Council.

Article X: COMMITTEES:

10.1: Committees

The Council shall be comprised of six (6) standing committees as set forth below and such other committees as may be appointed from time to time by the Chairperson. Each standing committee, except the Budget & Finance Committee shall consist of three (3) members of Council, one (1) of who shall serve as Chairperson. All five (5) members of Council shall be appointed to the Budget & Finance Standing Committee. The Council Chairperson shall appoint the Chairperson and standing committee members of each committee, with the approval of Council. The Chairperson of each committee shall serve as Chairman for two (2) years unless removed by the Council Chairman, with the approval of Council. Each Council Member shall chair at least one (1) Standing Committee. Each standing committee shall, at its first meeting, designate a Vice Chairperson who shall perform the duties of Chairperson in the event the Chairman is absent or unable to serve. Members of the Standing Committees shall serve for a period of two (2) years unless removed from such committee by the Council Chairperson, with the approval of Council. At all Standing Committee meetings, a quorum shall consist of at least two (2) members of such committee present, except in the case of the Budget and Finance Committee which shall require at least three (3) members to constitute a quorum.

10.2: Standing Committees

Standing Committees and the matters over which they shall have jurisdiction shall be as follows:

10.2.1: Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee

Personnel policies and procedures affecting the qualifications, selection, appointment, duties, compensation, tenure, discharge, seniority, promotion, retirement, awards, recognition and other matters relating to all county officials and employees (jurisdiction shall not extend to any elected official or any personnel employed in departments or agencies appointed by an authority outside county government), and including, but not limited to the following:

- a) Personnel policies and procedures
- b) County compensation and benefits
- c) Administrative policies and procedures
- d) County boards and commissions rosters
- e) Department organization
- f) County ordinance database
- g) Information technology

h) Liaison with State Council of Government and Appalachian Council of Government

i) Liaison with the Legislative Delegation, the Oconee County Board of Education and other government entities

10.2.2: Budget, Finance and Procurement Committee:

County operating budget, county capitol budget, review of Oconee County School Board budget, property assessments, County taxation, revenue and expenditure controls, grant applications and controls, banking and investments, bonding and indebtedness, procurement and contracts, financial records and reports, financial forecast, budgeting and accounting methods and procedures, and all related budget and fiscal matters.

10.2.3: Road and Transportation Committee

County roads, state highway, right-of-way protection and acquisition; condemnation, parking facilities, transportation facilities and services; traffic control; railroads and railroad facilities; roadside _____, road improvement plans, traffic signals and signs, road maintenance and design policies.

10.2.4: Real Estate, Facilities and Land Management

Capitol improvement planning, building and grounds maintenance, internal standards and specifications; internal design and engineering, construction management, park, museum and historic facilities, property and casualty insurance, real estate inventory, policies and planning, Oconee County Rock Quarry operations, Oconee County Airport Operations, acquisition, disposition and lease of real estate and property.

10.2.5: Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health, and Welfare

Law Enforcement and detentions center operations; emergency services, 911 operations; emergency planning and preparedness; fire protection policies and operations; courts and judicial services, social and welfare services, health services, liaison, including hospital liaison; animal control operation; veterans affairs; building codes and enforcement, park recreation and tourism.

10.2.6: Planning and Economic Development Committee

Land use policy, planning and programs, economic growth policy and programs, development design standards, sewer, water and power infrastructure, air and service transportation planning, environmental protection policies.

10.3: Determination of Responsibilities

Should any question arise concerning the assignment to committee of any particular item, the Chairperson shall make the final determination of the assignment.

OCONEE COUNTY ROCK QUARRY
PRICE LIST
PROPOSED

1. CRUSHER RUN 1 1/4"	\$ 6.00/TON
2. #2 CRUSHER RUN (SAP ROCK)	\$ 4.90/TON
3. 2" X 3" CLEAN STONE	\$ 8.00/TON
4. SCREENINGS (DUST)	\$ 5.90/TON
5. #57 - 1" CLEAN STONE	\$ 8.00/TON
6. 789 3/8" x 1/2" (PEA GRAVEL)	\$ 7.00/TON
7. 4" X 8" SURGE STONE	\$ 9.50/TON
8. RIP RAP (SHOT ROCK)	\$ 9.50/TON
9. ASPHALT SAND	\$ 5.90/TON
11. 6M 3/8" X 1"	\$ 8.00/TON
13. BOULDERS	\$15.00/TON

PRICES WILL BE PLUS 5% SALES TAX.

ROCK SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY.

CALL OFFICE FOR AVAILABILITY AT 638-4214.

OCONEE COUNTY ROCK QUARRY

PRICE LIST

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 8, 2001

CURRENT

1. CRUSHER RUN 1 1/4"	\$ 6.00/TON
2. #2 CRUSHER RUN (SAP ROCK)	\$ 4.90/TON
3. 2" X 3" CLEAN STONE	\$ 7.25/TON
4. SCREENINGS (DUST)	\$ 5.90/TON
5. #57 - 1" CLEAN STONE (SEPTIC TANK)	\$ 7.25/TON
6. 789 3/8" x 1/2" (PEA GRAVEL)	\$ 7.25/TON
7. 4" X 8" SURGE STONE	\$ 9.25/TON
8. RIP RAP (SHOT ROCK)	\$ 9.25/TON
9. ASPHALT SAND	\$ 5.90/TON
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HANSON AGGREGATES EAST - SOUTHEAST REGION

South Carolina Area 2003 PRICE SCHEDULE

(Updated 12/30/2002)

PRICES ARE PER NET TON IN TRUCKS F.O.B. PLANT

Product	Brewer*	Auderson	Greenwood	Sandy Flat	Feltam	Jefferson	McIntosh	Lowrys
One Man RR		\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$16.50
Dumped RR					\$16.00	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$16.50
Surge		\$11.00		\$11.00	\$11.00	\$10.50	\$10.50	\$10.50
Material/Aggr. ASTM #3							\$32.50	
ASTM #4 #467						\$12.50	\$26.00	\$12.50
ASTM D 1963							\$14.00	
SC #5, NC #5								
#57						\$12.50		\$12.50
#67		\$11.00	\$9.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$12.50		\$12.50
#6M				\$11.00		\$12.50		\$12.50
#785, #78M		\$16.00		\$12.50		\$13.50		\$13.50
#7				\$15.00		\$13.50		\$13.50
#89M				\$16.00		\$14.00		\$14.50
#6M				\$16.00		\$14.50		\$14.50
#5			\$9.00	\$10.50	\$11.00	\$14.50	\$15.00	\$14.50
Fill Sand						\$4.35	\$4.20	\$4.35
Screenings		\$7.00	\$4.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.75	\$7.25	\$7.75
Main Sand		\$10.00		\$10.00		\$8.00		\$8.00
Filter Bed Sand							\$17.00	
1 1/2" CR, ABC, MAC		\$7.50	\$6.75	\$7.50	\$6.00	\$7.50	\$8.75	\$7.50
2 1/2" CR					\$6.00			
Asphalt Sand		\$9.00			\$7.00			
SC13, Sand							\$7.25	
SC10/MC25 Sand	\$4.15						\$6.00	
#3 CR			\$8.00					
#3 Stone			\$9.00					
ASTM C-33	\$4.45							
Trap Sand	\$8.90							
Asphalt/Fill/Clay Sand	\$1.80							
Washed White Mortar	\$4.85							
Red Mortar Sand	\$2.80							
Screened Top Soil	\$7.00							
Topsoil	\$5.50							

*Brewer prices are in effect until April 1, 2003. Brewer price increase information will be available in March 2003.
All products are subject to availability and do not necessarily meet Department of Transportation specifications unless certified at the quarry.
Prices are subject to North and South Carolina sales tax if applicable. Credit terms are Net 10th Prox.
We do not guarantee color.

Estimated Impact of Proposed Price Changes at Rock Quarry

Product	Tons Sold 3/02-04/03	Present Price/Ton	Projected Price/Ton	Revenue Generated	Projected Revenue	Difference
#5 - 1" Clean	98,291.81	\$7.25	\$8.00	\$712,615.82	\$786,334.48	\$73,718.66
#3 - 2"x3" Clean	28,214.37	\$7.25	\$8.00	\$204,554.18	\$225,714.96	\$21,160.78
#7 - Surge	21,180.25	\$9.25	\$9.50	\$195,917.31	\$201,212.38	\$5,295.07
#8 - Rip Rap*	6,741.36	\$9.25	\$9.50	\$62,357.58	\$64,042.92	\$1,685.34
* will be affected by new product #13 - boulders have previously been charged out as rip rap						
#13 Boulders	New Product		\$15.00		Unknown	
#6 - 789	11,311.31	\$7.25	\$7.00	\$82,007.00	\$79,179.17	-\$2,827.83
Total						\$99,032.22

Opal Green

From: Ann Hughes
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2003 5:12 PM
To: Opal Green
Subject: RE: Agenda item for April 15 Council meeting

It needs to go to the Law Enforcement comm.

-----Original Message-----

From: Opal Green
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2003 2:44 PM
To: Ann Hughes
Subject: FW: Agenda Item for April 15 Council meeting

Do you want me to add this item to the April 15 agenda? Thanks, bj

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Barks
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2003 2:41 PM
To: Opal Green
Cc: motorpool
Subject: Agenda Item for April 15 Council meeting

Opal,

Lee Davis has brought to my attention the fact that there is no fuel money available for the new ladder truck in Walpole. Lee estimates that we will need \$300 to get us through to July 1. This will need to come from contingency. Can you add this to the agenda for the next council meeting?

Thanks
Robert